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Middle East peace talks threatened as Shamir is deserted by partners

# Israel's fragile coalition collapses



Peres: demanding halt to peace talks

**Brooke** 

defies

calls to

resign

By Edward Gorman

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT PETER Brooke, the North-

ern I reland secretary, will de-

fend security policy in the province when he makes a

statement in the Commons

today in the wake of Friday's

IRA bombing near Cooks-town that killed seven Protes-

tant workmen and injured

fears of an imminent Loyalist

retaliatory strike and after

further IRA violence yester-

day, including a bomb attack

in Belfast in which an army

patrol escaped injury and five firebombings of shops in

Portadown, Co Armagh, which caused damage esti-

Mr Brooke is also expected

to resist calls for his resigna-

tion over his decision to

appear on a Dublin television

chat show just after Friday's

bombing when he sang verses from the song Oh My Dar-

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among his constituents.

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seven others.

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE government of Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minisfer, was brought down yesterday after right-wing members of his coalition opposed to Palestinian self-rule resigned during a heated and at times tumultuous cab-

The government's fall paves the way for early elections, with the fate of the Washington-backed Middle East peace talks dominating the campaign. Syria and Lebanon said last night they would boycott the next round of talks, due to be held in Moscow next week.

The Knesset (parliament) is ex-pected to be dissolved this week, with elections called for the summer, Labour leader who hopes to face Mr

manded an immediate halt to the Middle East peace process until a new government was formed.

The resignations by Yuval Neeman, the science minister, who heads the Tehiya party, and Rehavam Zeevi, minister without portfolio, head of the Moledet party, take effect tomorrow, when the ruling Likud party and its remaining junior coalition partners will become a minority government, two seats short of a majority in the Knesset.

Emerging from the prime minis-ter's office in Jerusalera, Mr Zeevi said that he had decided to pull out of the government because of its policy of granting autonomy to Palestinians living in the occupied territories and its failure in putting down the four-year intifada (uprising). Mr Neeman added that he hoped his resignation would halt the peace efforts, which his party regards as a prelude to the formation of a PalesBank and Gaza Strip. "I hope that our departure will create a government crisis that will stop the autonomy train," Mr Zeevi wrote in his resignation letter.

During the cabinet session Ehud Olmert, health minister, told Mr Zeevi his party's position on expulsions was immoral. Mr Zeevi shouted back: "You are a creep". Mr Olmert, a potential successor to Mr Shamir, said: "I am not sorry about Moledet's departure. I pray we will never need them again."

The imminent collapse of the most hardline coalition government ever to rule Israel did not appear to damage Mr Shamir or his Likud party's chances of reelection. In the esent Knesset both Likud and Labour are neck and neck, with Likud enjoying a one-seat advantage with 39 members in the 120-member house. Latest opinion polls show that the main parties in the

almost identical number of seats if elections were held today. Likud's main advantage will be in the election campaign when it will daim to be the only party capable not only of delivering peace with Arab neigh-bours, but also of ensuring the country's security and keeping the occupied territories, which it regards as the biblical lands of Israel.

The fact is that until today no one could say that in the past years there was a government stronger than this government for preserving the land of Israel," Mr Shamir said at the weekend, setting out the theme of his reelection platform. "On the other hand, in parallel, there was not a government like this, which achieved a peace process, is carrying it on and will continue to."

A decisive factor in the voting may well rest in the estimated 650,000 new voters, who will be responsible for 25 new seats in the Knesset

resentation voting system. The new voters are made up of about 250,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union and about 400,000 Israeli teenagers, both of whom have shown growing tenden-cies to vote for the right wing. particularly Likud. Labour's main challenge will be to persuade the Israeli public that it could negotiate with the Arabs more effectively than

In Washington, Yoram Etinger, minister at the Israeli mission, was at the centre of a controversy last night after advising colleagues to "exploit President Bush's unpopularity" to press home claims for billions of dollars in US loan guarantees to help Israel to absorb immigrants from the former Soviet

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#### Tehran paid for hostage releases

Iran paid Lebanon's hostage-takers, Bush officials have revealed. Martin Fletcher reports from Washington

ran not only financed the long imprisonment of the Western hostages held in Lebanon but paid their captors up to \$2 million (£1.1 million) each time one was freed, reports in Washington said vesterday.

Iran and President Rassanani, its leader, always daimed to have had only limited influence over the hostage-takers. But regular payments to those hostagetakers have been traced back to official Iranian sources by American intelligence. All the key negotiations that led to the hostage releases took place in Iran, not Lebanon, and advance word of releases always came from Iran's for-

eign ministry. Iran made the final payments to the captors to keep them happy and compliant because it had "long-term investments" in Lebanon and were there for what one Bush administration official called "the long haul". The official was one of several senior ad-Continued on page 18, col 8



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Silent memorial a roadside cross erected outside Cookstown at the place where an IRA bomb killed seven workmen on Friday

he still had the prime minister's support.

Unionist MPs led by the Rev Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist party leader, have accused him of gross insensi-Support came too from Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats. He said tivity and have called for him that Mr Brooke had made a to resign. Mr Paisley was misjudgment, but criticism quoted yesterday as saying he from Unionist MPs who only had never known such anger last week had connived in the latest failure of Mr Brooke's talks initiative struck him as sprang to Mr Brooke's demiserable hypocrisy. "It is infence, letting it be known that credible," Mr Ashdown told BBC Radio, "that these people, who have risked and destroyed a chance of peace in Ireland because they could

not find an appropriate time or place or formula, should now criticise Peter Brooke. It makes me sick." Today's statement is the latest move by the government to try to stem anger, particularly in the Unionist community, over what they

see as the government's failhinted that his republic ure to go on the offensive against the IRA. could withdraw from the Over the weekend 500 ex-Commonwealth of Indetra troops were drafted into pendent States...... Page 8 Grim forecast The chances of England's cricketers, who amassed 580 for nine declared in their first innings, winning

Northern Ireland — the third such deployment in two months - but that was dismissed by Mr Paisley as too little, too late. He said that another battation at least was required and Ulster Defence Regiment part-time soldiers should also be put on a per-manent full-time footing. He again appealed for the government to end its policy of trying to protect likely IRA

targets and instead to target the TRA itself and its weapons

Mr Paisley and three other Unionist MPs who lost constituents in Friday's bombing will convey their view to John Major at a meeting at Downing Street this evening at which Mr Brooke is also

expected to be present. Last night, sources close to Mr Brooke made clear that he had no intention of resigning. While admitting that in retrospect his decision to appear on RTE's Late Late Show may not have been the best course of action, it was being pointed out that he took the opportunity to condemn the attack at the beginning of his interview with Gay Byrne, the show's presenter. The sources also emphasised that Mr Brooke had sung only reluctantly after being per-suaded by Mr Byrne, and that he was clearly embar-

rassed when asked to do so. Meanwhile, Dr Joseph Cassidy, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Tuam, in the republic, said that the IRA was close to being excommunicated because of its campaign of violence, although he added: "I doubt if it will have much effect. They have excommunicated themselves in spirit, mind, heart and

# Ministers try to scotch **April 9 election rumour**

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

NORMAN Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has rejected March 3 as a pos-sible Budget date and ministers are trying to prevent unstoppable momentum building for an April 9 election.

A May 7 contest remains

the favourite with Tory election planners, who believe that indications from the latest polls are not yet strong enough to encourage going all out for the earlier option. A Harris poll in yesterday's

Observer showed that the Conservatives are seen as the better party to run the economy by a margin of only six points (37 per cent to 31 per cent), and more than half of those polled by ICM for the Sunday Express reckoned the government had "run out of

Although pleased by initial gains from their attack on Labour tax policies, senior ministers concede that there is much more work to be done to establish a winning position. They will not encourage Key to peace, page 2 | the prime minister to seek an

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debate on Wednesday.

In spite of the Tory advances, Labour has led in seven of the 11 major polls conducted since the start of December, while the Tories have been ahead in only four. The margins are so close. however, that there is nothing to separate the parties after

April election unless the To-ries build a significant lead in opinion polls by the time of the Budget. Mr Lamont will announce its date, either March 10 or 17, when he opens the autumn statement

the first formight of the "phonev election". Labour claims that this shows that the Tories have failed to establish a lead after firing their best campaign ammunition. In an interview with TV-am

yesterday, John Major agreed that the election might have to be fought without an evi-dent economic recovery. Pledging not to create an artificial short-term boom to Continued on page 18, col 5

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You're in the boardroom.

What more do you

ME Jones ...

want?

Women struggle to find room at the top



Detta O'Cathain: one of the few at the top

THE government's drive to promote top jobs for women in business and industry has so far made no impact in the boardrooms, with women holding less than 0.5 per cent of prominent positions in a selection of leading companies, according to the annual directory of the business world published

The 1992 Crawford's Directory of City Connections lists more than 4,000 chairmen, deputy chairmen, chief executives, managing directors and finance directors of public companies, of which a mere 20 are women. It also shows that although women have been relatively successful in winning the finance director role, they remain virtually absent from the very highest executive posts in larger companies and have made almost no headway in the traditionally male dominated sectors that make up Britain's heavy industrial

By Ray Clancy and Jonathan Prynn

Detta O'Cathain, managing director of the Barbican centre, said she was appalled at the suggestion that the number of women in British boardrooms was declining. but she believed that numbers are actually increasing among small and mediumsized companies. As the only woman on three boards. Midland bank, Sears and Tesco. she has often felt despair at the lack of executive board members of some of Britain's biggest companies. "Attitudes in larger companies are probably more entrenched then in the smaller more recently established businesses. There really are an awful lot of bright women in engineering companies and in those that started off in a garage or back room and grew."

Having been director and managing director of the Milk Marketing Board, director of market planning at Levland Cars and an adviser to the agriculture minister. she has seen a marked

As Ulster mourns, the case for an imposed solution seems stronger

# Laying down the law could offer route to peace



Prior: party boycott

efforts to forge consensus in Belfast are fond of pointing out that politicians in Northern freland will never voluntarily agree on anything.

That seems to be a lesson which governments in general have ignored. They have instead continued the search for something that may be unattainable.

Peter Brooke the Northern Ireland secretary, is no exception. He has presided over "talks about talks" for more than two years. Last year when he attempted to open formal negotiations they lasted just three weeks. This year they fizzled out without even reaching that stage because of uncertainties in the run-up to the general election.

Mr Brooke's formulation was so complex, with its three-way interdependent strands requiring agreement by all participants at every stage, that it was almost bound to fail in a political environment where agreement itself is so rare. The search for the possibly unat-

kind, to suggest that the government could push hard towards an imposed solution without causing further instability.

tainable has had real consequences

which cannot be sustained indefi-

nitely. While the politicians in Bel-

fast indulee their hatreds of each

other the gunmen have flourished.

with a determination to impose a

solution. It would be rooted in the

idea that communities with con-

flicting aims learn to live together only when they have no choice.

This strategy would initially re-

quire a more interventionist ap-

proach from the government. It

would have to be made clear that

abstention by one or other commu-

nity or political party from new

arrangements would not lead to a

polls, indicating a widespread de-

sire in Northern Ireland for more

talks or for a settlement of some

There is evidence from opinion

return to direct rule.

The government could tackle this

In the first of a series. **Edward Gorman looks** at alternative strategies for British policy on

Northern Ireland a form of devolved assembly in Belfast together with a power-sharing executive and an institutionalised Irish dimension. In 1982 when Jim Prior, the then secretary

of state, tried to legislate along

these lines, he failed because one of the main parties boycotted the assembly. Nearly ten years later, the political map has changed and a boycott is less certain. John Alderdice, leader of the Northern Ireland Alliance party, believes that a legislated-for approach would have a better chance now than at any time in the

past. "I think most politicians in

Northern Ireland are so starved of

real involvement politically," he said, "that they would have no

were to boycott such a process." Alternatively the government could follow a more integrationist

line. One model preferred by Unionists would be a system of administrative devolution whereby Northern Ireland would be treated in a way similar to Scotland. That approach sidesteps one of the main areas of dispute between

Unionists and nationalists, power sharing in a law-making cabinet, concentrating instead on the administration of powers handed down by Westminster. However, this would find little favour with nationalists or with

Dublin. Both would interpret an integrationist approach as a denial of an Irish dimension to the government of Northern Ireland and to their amhitions for uniting Ireland.

In truth, as long as Mr Brooke remains at Stormont the prospects for an imposed solution of any kind are remote. A consensus man par excellence, he has never seriously

islation, believing an imposed sol-ution to be unrealistic and unlikely to provide a stable basis for eovernment

In the government's view the complexity of the devolution settlement it is aiming for makes attempting to legislate for it impractical. That leads critics of the Northern Ireland Office to suggest that the policy is too sophisticated and too consensusorientated.

Three years ago Fortnight magazine, a respected commentator on the Northern Treland political scene, set out the argument for legislative intervention. It is blindingly obvious," the magazine said, "that these leaders will not reach any political accommodation in and of themselves before hell freezes over. They will have to be forced by a combination of popular pressure and governmental resolve."

Next: Anglo-Irish agreement

# Murder shatters a quiet village

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

THE small Protestant community of Doagh, Co Antrim, is not a troubled place. Its people and way of life are perhaps more Scottish than Irish — some still speak with a hint of a Scottish accent and its culture is British.

The troubles have barely touched it in 21 years, despite the fact that the community is just 12 miles north of Belfast. Occasionally people from the village have been caught up in the violence. In 1970 a lorry driver got into a vehicle and was killed by an IRA boobytrap not intended for him.

But the troubles became less remote when Richard McConnell, from one of the oldest families in the village, was killed along with six of his workmates by the IRA bomb on the road between Cookstown and Omagh on

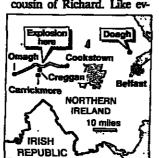
Richard, who was 38, was well known in the community. but he was a quiet man who never patronised McConnell's bar, owned by his cousin Anne Hall, in the centre of the village.

His family — sons aged 11 and wife Janet, a part-time nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast - were his main interest in life. For years he was employed by

an ambulance driver ferrying old people in the area to and from hospital, until two years ago when he decided to drive a crane for a local

building company.
In McConnell's on Saturday night, a mile from Richard's terrace home on the edge of the village where relatives shielded his family from reporters' inquiries, the locals expressed the community's shock at his death.

David Agnew, aged 26, is a lorry driver and distant cousin of Richard. Like ev-



eryone else he had found out only that morning that Richard had been one of the victims. "It's a tragedy it happened to him; a quieter person you wouldn't know. He would do anythi you. He had time for

everybody." Richard's cousin Anne, chain-smoking behind the bar, was tearful. "I don't the local health authority as know about anybody else

present a better deal for work-

ing mothers in the Budget.

Mrs Rumbold, who chairs

the ministerial group on women's issues, will use her

meeting with the Chancellor

to press for a more limited

voucher scheme to cover child

care after school hours and

Mrs Rumbold said yester-

day that she would be delight-

ed if tax relief were extended

to a wider provision of child

care but feared that it could

be too expensive. "I shall be

pressing for extensions on tax

matters for women with

children. Although I favour

an after-school-hours

scheme, I would be happy with extending the employ-

Mrs Rumbold has made

rough costings of her scheme.

After-school care costs £10-

£15 a week for each child, and

holiday care costs £45 a week.

To cover 2.5 million children

the scheme would cost £5

MPs and peers have been

lobbied by professional wo-

men who have complained

that Mr Major's promises of

a better deal for women have

not been translated into ac-

tion. The prime minister is

understood to favour extend-

ing tax relief for working

mothers, and other ministers

recognise the value of such a

sweetener before the election.

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ers' tax relief."

during the holidays.

but I'm just numb," she whispered. "It hasn't really sunk in yet. People are getting killed every day. To me, it's part of everyday life. It's when it happens close to home it really hits."

There was anger, too, not only at the IRA but at what many in communities like Dough see as the government's failure to protect citi-zens like Richard in its war in Northern Ireland.

Another man said: "It breaks my heart to say it at the minute, but I think they [the IRA] have the upper hand, because we are not able to do anything about it. Britain is doing what it is allowed within the law but I think the law is all wrong in this situation because this is a war."

The local presbyterian minister, the Rev Sam McClintock, who has spent the weekend comforting the McConnell family and preparing for Richard's funeral tomorrow, said his community was deep in shock and

The sensible people realise that it's almost impossi-Brooke has been doing all that he can - what more can he do? What can all these

Brooke defiant, page 1



Sour note: Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, making an appearance on RTE television's Late. Late Show that led to calls for his resignation. Mr Brooke sang two verses of Oh My Darling Clementine a few hours after the death on Friday of seven men in an IRA bomb attack in Co Tyrone

## Child care voucher scheme considered

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury is seriously considering a voucher scheme for child care, offering tax relief for both employees and employers, as a fillip for working mothers in the Budget.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, has come under growing pressure from ministers to extend present tax relief for workplace nurseries to include those outside com-

As Chancellor, John Major introduced the present limit-ed tax relief for child care in his 1989 Budget, However, it is understood that fewer than 5,000 women have taken up the scheme, mainly because of the restrictions of using company nurseries. Smaller firms have not had the resources to provide child care, particularly where only a few women would use them.

Under the new scheme, vouchers would be offered to working mothers for use towards child care costs in and outside the workplace.

Ministerial sources made clear yesterday that the scheme would have to be carefully regulated to avoid abuse and to ensure that help was directed to those most in need. Nurseries would have to be registered to ensure that women were not merely giving vouchers "to their mother in laws", one source said.

week, Angela Rumbold, home office minister, will urge Mr Lamont to

#### **Britain** plans CAP reform

By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

BRITAIN is planning to use its period in the EC presidency from July to seek a throughgoing reform of the common agricultural policy, reducing farm support to levels much closer to world

Papers are already being prepared in Downing Street which would build on preliminary reform efforts already started in the EC. But no detailed plans will emerge until after the completion of the Gatt round

February/March because that process itself will have a significant effect on the future shape of the EC farming

John Major said yesterday that the three objectives for Britain's period in the EC chair would be the enlargement of the Community, the completion of the single European market by the end of 1992 and the reform of CAP.

The common agricultural policy, which devours more than 60 per cent of the whole EC budget, and drives up consumer prices by depending on support payments to farmers and levies on food imported into the EC, has been the despair of British governments over many years, but Mr Major believes he now has some leverage to

The Portuguese, in the presidency until the end of June, are beginning discussions on reforming EC finances but are unlikely to complete the process in their six months. At Maastricht last December, the EC heads committed themselves to a new "cohesion fund" to give assistance to the poorer EC nations, (Spain, Portugal, Ireland and Greece) in meeting the extra costs involved in the political and monetary union treaties. But no new finances were agreed for it.

# stay on after 16

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

SIXTEEN is still the most popular age for leaving school in spite of government attempts to persuade more teenagers to stay on or enter full-time training, according to a survey published today.

Although there has been a gradual improvement in the past 10 years, only half of 16year-olds stay on in full-time or part-time education or training, against 79 per cent in France. 82 per cent in Germany and 89 per cent in

the United States and Japan.
The survey of 505 16- to
19-year-olds by NOW Research for Reader's Digest and the BBC shows that 63 per cent were no longer in full-time education. Of those, only a third were in jobs providing training and 20

per cent were unemployed. Six out of ten surveyed said that they had left school because they wanted to earn some money, and four out of ten said that they had left because they did not like school. More than one in ten said that they had not worked hard enough to gain qualifications or that they had not

been encouraged by teachers. Sir John Banham, directorgeneral of the Confederation of British Industry, said: "The reform Britain most urgently needs in the 1990s is in our national attitude to vocational education and

training. Both the government and Labour say that they want to break down the vocational/ academic divide and simplify the range of qualifications. Almost four out of ten schoolleavers interviewed agreed, saying that linking lessons with jobs might have encouraged them to stay on. A quarter of those surveyed said that they had been put off by the

confusing range of courses. A third of the teenagers interviewed said that they might have stayed on if they had known that better qualifications meant better jobs.

☐ Some schools may "massage" attendance figures in order to make their truancy rates seem lower now that they are required to compile annual figures, for first publication next August, a report from a teachers' union says today. The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association also says that teachers are not being given clear guidance on what constitutes unauthorised absence.

Why did you leave school as soon as you could? Wanted to earn some money Didn't want to study any more Offered a job Believe experience counts more than qualifications Didn't do well enough at school Friends weren't staying Didn't work hard enough for qualifications to stay on No qualifications needed for the job I wanted Teachers didn't encourage me to stay on Parents wanted me to earn Didn't think I'd pass exams if I stayed

What might have made you stay on at school? More enjoyable experience of learning at school Lessons linked with jobs Course credits bit by bit Knowing better qualifications meant better jobs

Parents didn't encourage me to stay on

Course credits bit by bit
Knowing better qualifications meant better jobs
More guidance at school
Knowing better qualifications meant higher earnings
More information about courses available
Less confusing range of qualifications to choose from
Knowing employers offer jobs only to the qualified
Knowing that qualifications would secure a college place
More encouragement from parents to stay on

## Pupils reluctant to | Man Tories loved to hate resigns

leader of Derbyshire county council and bete noire of the Conservative party, announced yesterday that he was

quitting his post.
Mr Bookbinder, aged 50, said he would not seek re-election as leader of the council's controlling Labour group at a meeting on March 29. He will continue to work as a

county councillor.

Mr Bookbinder said that his decision to quit as Labour leader after 15 years had been influenced by the Gov-



Bookbinder: pained by cuts in council services

erument's charge-capping of the council more than a year ago. This had led to cuts in services that had pained him, such as school meals prices which had been frozen for ten years, home helps provided free and meals on wheels costing only 35p each.

The Labour group took control from the Conservatives in 1981 after four years in opposition. Mr Bookbinder was leader of the council during most of the premiership of Margaret Thatcher and he will be delighted to have outlasted her.

Mr Bookbinder acknowledged yesterday that he had been regarded by Tories as a member of the hard left. He said: "It would have been very much worse if the Tories had

liked me." He recounted with relish issues that had initially been ridiculed by Tories. His coun-

DAVID Bookbinder, Labour cil had banned caning in schools more than a decade ago, but it was a policy that was now the norm.

It had campaigned on be-half of the Birmingham Six and Nelson Mandela, all since released from prison. It had also taken a stand on animal rights and perform-ing animals in circuses, before such things became fashionable. It had also supported striking miners during the pit strike of 1984-85

His council was con-demned in 1984 for suspend-ing the late Alf Parrish, the then Derbyshire chief constable, for allegedly spending more than £20,000 on refurbishing his office without the authority's permission. Mr Parrish was later retired on medical grounds, amid claims that he had been the victim of an anti-police connal.

Mr Bookhinder was in volved in a wholesale confectionery company before taking up politics almost full time, including four unsuccessful attempts to become a Labour MP in Tory-held Derbyshire seats.

He said he hoped now to become involved in enterprise initiatives in the county and added: "I need to go out and make a living. I think I have a flair for economic development, working with both sides of industry, including the private sector." He added: "I did what I

was elected to do, but I did not enjoy the parts of it that involved character assassination."

# Man held over station'

day in connection with the killing of Richard Lyddon, a male muse who was stabbed to death on a railway platform ten days ago.

Detectives entered a house in Reading, Berkshire, before dawn and took the young man to the town's police Station\_

Mr Lyddon, a bachelor aged 36, died after being stabbed in the chest in lavanries at Reading railway Station on January 10. He was returning to his home in Taumon, Somerset, after a job interview in Slough.

Detective Chief Inspector

Trevor Morey, of Reading police, said: We have a man in custody who is helping made the arrest after carrying out observations in the Ceme-tery Junction area.

#### River clean-up work to start

Emergency action to treat militions of gallons of river water polluted by a cocktail of heavy metals flowing from a disused tin mine is due to begin today. The National Rivers Authority and the mine owner Carnon Consolidated have prepared a treatment lagoon to receive overflow water from Wheal Jane, near Truro, Cornwall.

Plans to restart a pumping operation are also progressing. Cessation of pumping on January 4 caused a big overflow from the mine which turned the Fal estuary

#### Climber killed on Ben Nevis

A climber died after falling from Comb Gully near the summit of Ben Nevis yesterday, bringing the death toll on the 4,408ft snow covered Scottish mountain to three in six days. Police at Fort William were seeking the dead man's next of kin before

releasing his identity.

The alarm was raised by other climbers and the body was recovered by members of the Lockshers mountain res-CUE team.

#### Felling protest

Protesters gathered yesterday to try to halt bulldozers felling ancient woodland at Kings shire Brian Wright, chairman of the Countryside Society, said the site, which runs for 500 yards by the Thames, was being replanted with non-native trees by the council to make maintenence easier. "It is a case of making life easier for the authorities rather than the wildlife."

#### Wiped clean

An investigation is under way after claims that computer hackers are wiping motorists' penalty points from the DVLC computer in Swansea. The hackers are charging £100 for each penalty point removed, according to Police Review magazine. The transport department said people were having driving records wiped and then applying for new documents, claiming the

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#### Churchill sword stolen at

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

Chartwell

A CEREMONIAL sword presented by an Arab potentate to Winston Churchill in 1945 has been stolen from Chartwell, the wartime prime minister's former Kent home. The 40in sword was taken

the house, which is run by the National Trust. The sword, in a gold nounted scabbard with gilt hilt set with diamonds, was presented to Churchill by King Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia at the 1945 Crimean

from a wall above a door at

Peter Battrick, a trust spokesman, said yesterday £13,000 "in terms of its materials" but was "irreplace-able" because of its

The sword was taken in broad daylight during public opening hours last Novem-ber 29. It had been on display with Churchill's uniforms. "Nobody saw any-thing." Mr Battrick said.

Police believe that at least three thieves were involved: one standing on another's shoulders to remove the sword and a third to distract the steward. They would have needed a few minutes to unscrew it from the wall.

Officers suspect that the sword may have been stolen to order. Security at Chart-well has been tightened.

Mr Battrick said that the sword could have been hidden under a large coat. "Somehow it was walked

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# Maxwell 'had threatened to liquidate pension fund'

By JILE SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Maxwell threatened to liquidate the Mirror sioners, and four union repre-Group Pension Fund in 1985 sentatives. In its written after refusing to allow members of the pension scheme to nominate half the trustees, it emerged yesterday.

Commons social security ployees had been eroded. In select committee investigating the pension fund, the Northwood, a member of the ing the pension fund, the Graphical Paper and Media Union says that union repre-sentatives expressed concern over the pension fund at a meeting with Mr Maxwell on May 23, 1985

The representatives said that they were worried about the disposal of pension surplus and the establishment of a common investment find They also requested rights to nominate half the trustees and to have an independent trust chairman.

"Maxwell responded that he was the owner of the fund and had full control of it," the evidence says. "He would not be dictated to as to who would be trustees. If it was insisted on, he would liquidate the fund. He refused to discuss the possibility of him not being the chairman of the

The union will give oral evidence to the select committee this afternoon, together with working and retired members of the Mirror Group pension scheme. These include Margaret Jones, a retired employee, Eric Leggett, a journalist with The People, John Grewcock, a member of the scheme, and Peter Kane, a journalist on the Daily Mirror who has threatened legal action against the present trustees because of restrictions imposed on transfer rights and early retirement.

The all-party committee will also hear from Flotorm, a company which was part of Maxwell Communication Corporation for 17 months in the late 1980s. It is under-stood that up to 400 former employees have been taid that there is no money lest in their

Oral evidence from the the

Harding and Bert Ball, pensentatives. In its written submission, expected to be published today, the union says that while Maxwell had control of the MGN pension In written evidence to the fund, representation of emformer Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, was removed from the board of trustees because he was made redundant. The union put forward a replacement. Neil White, but he was not

> The union also made requests in 1989 for actuarial valuations and was given one for April 1985. After interventions by solicitors the 1988; valuation was made available, days before a court application in March 1990.

> The social security committee is meeting in private tomorrow to draw up some of the questions which it intends to put in writing to Robert Maxwell's sons, Ian and

After their refusal to answer MPs' questions last week, the committee has agreed to a suggestion by their lawyers to submit the questions in writing before calling them

Frank Field, committee chairman, said he did not articipate a response from the brothers until they had received the questions. He dismissed reports that they had already told MPs that they would not attend for a second time.

The committee expects the brothers to read out written answers, without accepting supplementary questions. Last week the committee

stressed that the answers would be made public.

Mr Field said last night that he would try to find out from all the witnesses how millions of pounds went miss-ing from the find, and the best way of retrieving the



Icy precision: Mark Croxford of Hackney, east London, practising before the British ice sculpture team's weekend departure to compete in the World Snow Festival at Grindelwald, Switzerland. Twelve teams will be given a week to sculpture blocks of ice

# Rail fare-dodgers risk instant penalty

BY MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ON-THE-SPOT penalty fares take effect today on British Rail's south London and Oxted services, in an effort to reduce the scope for fare-

Passengers caught without a valid ticket or a convincing reason for not having one will be liable to a £10 penalty fare or the full single fare to the next station, whichever is the greater, BR said.

Passengers unable to pay immediately will be required to give ticket inspectors their name and address. They will be sent notice of a penalty fare which must be paid within 21 days. Refusal to co-operate with the scheme will be a criminal offence.

The scheme covers all stations on the south London suburban lines, stations on the Oxted lines, which run to Uckfield and East Grinstead, and all long-distance Sussex and from the new penalty fares area. Thameslink services between north and south London are also included in the regulations.

New chairman, page 19 Teams of revenue protec-Comment, page 21 tion officers will carry out on-

give extra assistance to passengers. Stations within penalty fare areas have been equipped with ticket machines from which passengers can buy a "permit to travel" in case the booking office is closed or self-service ticket machines are out of order.

The permit to travel must,

however, be converted into a

An experimental penalty fares scheme introduced on

the London, Tilbury and Southend line in 1990 generated income of more than £4 million in its first year. Fraudulent travel costs Network SouthEast an esti-

line, and services into Livermated £35 million a year, the pool Street.

Rail managers expect to expointed managing director of tend the penalty fares scheme Network SouthEast, said: "In to other Network SouthEast introducing penalty fares, we lines later this year, including are acting in the best interests services between London and of our customers, helping to the Kent coast, the inner subrevent them from unwittingsubsidising the dishonest urban services to Clapham Junction, Vauxhall, and Watminority." Eventually, the erloo, the Waterloo and City penalty fares scheme would be extended throughout the Network SouthEast region,

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# Dioceses lose out as Church tightens purse strings

THE cost of running the Church of England has ris-en from £1 million a day to £1.5 million in the past five years, a report to be published this summer is expected to say. The increase will be disclosed as the Church Commissioners prepare dioceses for further cuts in the money they can give towards

clergy pay.

The commissioners have already reduced the money

they are giving to dioceses by 64 million in the 1992-3 financial year to £43.8 million. At meetings with the 43 dioceses in England next month, they are expected to give warning that the cut in the following financial year will be £5.5 million.

The commissioners, who have invested heavily in property development, have been hit by the recession. It will cost up to £500 million

Hard times: Mr Andrews was astonished at rise

#### Parish pays £23,000 quota by instalment

Roseland, Cornwall, only just made ends meet last year after paying its £11,000 quota to Truro diocese (Ruth Gledhill writes). The rector, the Rev Bob

Andrews, expected a 20 per cent increase in his parish's contribution this year. His parochial church council was, therefore, astonished to be presented with a bill for £23,000. The increase of 109 per cent arose because the method of calculation

Technically, the quota or "common fund" payments are voluntary, but are per- review the position.

THE parish of St Just in ceived in many parishes as a tax. St Just made almost £39,000 in 1990. Out of that came £7,000 for a gardener, £3,600 donations to missions and charities, and £17,000 to repair tree damage caused by the winter storms. More was spent on church repairs. Thousands more are needed for church repairs this year.

The parochial church council, which does not want to cut its donations to the church mission, has decided to pay half the new quota in monthly payments for six months and then to

1986. About a third is met by income from the £2.5 billion historic assets held by the commissioners. Most of the remainder must come from giving by the one million church members. The report will show that giving has risen to more than £200 million a year, but

up from £340 million in

that church members still give less than the 5 per cent of net income called for by the general synod in 1982. On average, each member gives about £3 a week.

Parish quotas, the amount each parish is asked to give its diocese to help towards clergy pay and other ex-penses, have risen well above inflation. The highest percentage increase is in the Birmingham diocese, where parishes have been asked to find an average of 31 per cent more. If church members fail to give more there will be a fall in the standard of living among dergy, or cuts in clergy numbers. Some dioceses are digging into their reserves to avoid a shortfall. In Lincoln, one in ten clergy jobs is to go.

A spokesman for the com-

missioners said the propor-tion that they could give dioceses towards stipends was falling from 48 per cent in 1990 to about 40 per cent. The priority is to pay the pensions of 10,100 retired clergy and widows. "If average giving rose from £3 a week to £3.50 a week per member over the whole country, this adjustment could be achieved fairly

smoothly," he said. Work to bring about Christian unity will be ineffective unless it is based upon prayer, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, said yesterday. Cardinal Hume was preaching at Canterbury Cathedral at the beginning of Christian unity week. He referred only obliquely to the coming vote on the ordination of women which, if successful,

could hinder unity.

Christian unity, page 14

People are paying up, survey shows

# Poll tax rebellion fails to materialise

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

FEARS that the decision to abolish the community charge would lead to a surge in non-payment appear to have been groundless, according to the latest figures

from councils in England. Councils which did best in collecting the tax in its first year are on course to do as well this year in spite of a late start because of the Chancellor's decision to cut £140 off poll tax bills. a survey by The

Times has found.
Although collection rates remain lower than under the rates, when at least four-fifths of the income would have been collected by now, there was no sign of a rebellion

Castle Morpeth

against the tax in its dying months. By contrast, in Scotland, where the charge was introduced in 1989, its second year of operation saw a steady decline in the number

of people paying.
The Times survey found no sign that the pattern was being repeated south of the border although almost all of the 20 councils surveyed had collected less by the end of December 1991 than they had in the same period in 1990. Much of the shortfall is because most councils issued their bills late last year after the Budget anno

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per cent to Value Added Tax. Although some were able to act swiftly, many, especially in London and other big cities, found it impossible to reissue bills before at least May, delaying the start of their instalment payment systems.

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Last July the government issued a league table of councils ranked according to effectiveness in collecting the tax. The Times survey sought to measure the performance of those at the top and bottom.

Among those who did well in the first year, their rate of collection has been slightly in the second, a fact they blamed on the destart. The best improvewas by Labourolled Islington in north on, which was among orst ten in the first year vhich had collected 78 ent of its income by the of December, against 51 cent by the same time

improved performance partly accounted for by a on last April to budget 90 per cent collection The survey asked for the ntage of budgeted inreceived rather than the rtion of the total due.

st councils have budgetreceive from 90 to 95 ent of the total due and that accounts for the fact that those who did best in the first year achieved collection rates of over 100 per cent.



Gallant knight: Sir Robin Day, displaying the courtesy and charm sometimes lacking from his grilling of leading politicians on television and radio, sitting for the artist June Mendoza and the photographer

Both women have had long-standing plans to portray the distinfulfil their ambitions at the same time at his flat in Westminster. After the latest sitting, Mendoza said: "We talked about the project for about five years. It was a matter of

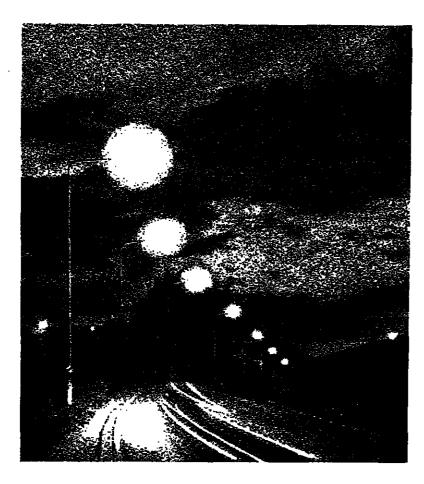
"We had about six or seven two-

courteous. We listened to old records and it was enormously pleasant. I am doing the background now and we are going out to hunch this week to celebrate finishing it."

Soames added: "June is very talented. She uses oils and paints

trait, which will be on show in May at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters exhibition, captures Sir. Robin's narrowed eyed look, but his relaxed half-smile shows a much less formidable side than that remenbered by those who have squirmed

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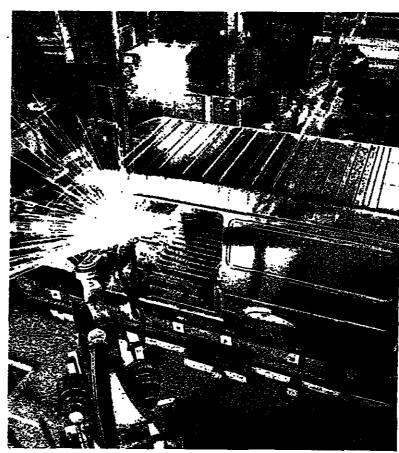
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# Nationalists give Lang rough ride over devolution

IF IAN Lang, the Scottish secretary, once believed that Scotland's constitutional future was a dead issue, a rumbustious debate in front of more than 2,500 people in Edinburgh's Usher Hall on Saturday night wilk have changed his mind.

The debate on the way Scotland should be governed. organised by The Scotsman that all four Scottish party leaders had come together to argue their corner in front of a live audience. Tickets for the event could have been distributed twice over. Scotland: A Time to Choose, as the debate was labelled, marked the start of unofficial campaigning for the general election north of the border.

Mr Lang offered no concessions to demands for devolution or independence despite polls which have shown that four out of five voters want constitutional change. His claim that Scotland had flourished under the 300year-old union with England was drowned in a roar of

Mr Lang said that a tax-raising Scottish parliament would thrust Scotland headlong into total separation from England, leaving it over-governed, over-taxed and on the periphery of the world's stage to face econom-

ic stagnation.

The audience gave a rousing reception to Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader. Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish spokesman extolled the virtues of a devolved assembly within the union. "We are offering the most radical change in the constitution in 300 years," he said. There were boos and jeers as the audience demanded that he Devolution is not dead. Kerry Gill - witnesses a

passionate debate on a subject close to Scottish hearts

name a single industry that Labour had saved in the past 12 years and to say who had ped the poli tax

Mr Lang asked Malcolm Bruce, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, to list any problems he foresaw in devolution. "Only people like you who won't give us devolution," was the reply. As no vote was taken there

was no dear winner. Mr. Brace received the most polite response. Mr Lang was obviously relieved that there was

 Labour is maintaining its huge electoral dominance in Scotland with a 23-point lead over the Tories, a Mori opinion poll indicated yesterday. The poll gave Labour 47 per cent of the vote, the Tories 24 per cent, the Scottish National Party 20 per cent, and the Lib Dems 7 per cent!

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from the audience-

three-year sentence for

theft imposed at Worcester

crown court, made three

daring leaps to escape on Saturday night after climb-ing out of a hole that build-

Nock, from Dudley. West

ers had left in a roof.

#### Freedom palls for escaped convict

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

FEWER than four hours on the run persuaded Mark Nock that the warm prison cell from which he had just escaped was preferable to the cold streets of freedom. So, as a search for him

began, the bedraggled convict banged on the gates of Gloucester jail shouting Let me back in".

"He came back because we're so nice here," Patrick Osborn, duty controller of the prison, said yesterday. "He was tired and wet and couldn't find his way out of Gloucester. He didn't know where to go and decided the best course would be to come back where he would be warm and dry. He's a bit crestfallen now.

Nock aged 19, serving a

Midlands, jumped 15ft down on to a bridge between two wings of the jail, and then jumped about 20ft from the bridge to the ground, before climbing a drainpipe inside the prison wall and leaping about 25ft from the wall, landing in a skip of rubbish:

A homeless man aged 30

who allegedly broke into the magistrates court at Weymouth, Dorset, is to appear there today accused of criminal damage.

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# Gummer yields to pleas on guarding New Forest

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England's most beautiful but most threatened areas, is to be given national park status in a policy U-turn by the government. John Gummer, the agriculture minister, who turned the idea down less than two years ago, has been won round by a compromise which will give the forest the legal protection of the 1949 National Parks Act - the highest protection for a seenic area - without the standard administrative machinery, such as a national park board acting as planning authority. A similar arrangement was made for the

Norfolk Broads in 1989. The ancient hunting preserve of the Norman kings will not be called a national park but will have its own constitution to preserve its powerful vestiges of medieval government. The new status will be announced tomorrow by David Trippier, the envi-ronment and countryside

The forest will have the same legal protection as the ten national parks in England and Wales, with a statutory administrative body and

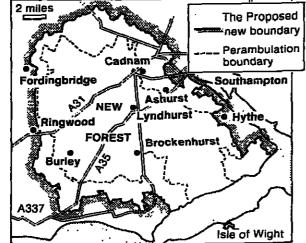
A conferring of national park status will preserve the legacy of kings and rights of commoners, Michael McCarthy writes

government funding. The of commoning, the grazing status and resources are considered essential if the blend of broadleaved woodland and lowland heath, rich in wildlife, is to be preserved into the next century from

development and the decline

of ponies and other livestock which is largely responsible for maintaining the forest's

Oil companies have already eyed the forest with drilling in mind; power sta-



tions and road schemes may be planned in future years. The forest is sandwiched between Southampton and Bournemouth, eight million people visit it yearly and 20 million are within two hours

Authority will continue to be exercised by the Forestry Commission over Crown lands at the heart of the forest, by the New Forest District Council over planning and by the ancient court of verderers, a ten-strong body which guards the forest and the interests of the commoners, local people who pasture their animals in the woodlands by right. The power of the verderers is real: they have a veto over the release of Crown land for development.

Alongside these authorities, a statutory body will be established, broadly based on the New Forest committee, a coordinating group set up in 1990 which has had considerable success in defusing the tensions between agriculture. recreation and nature conservation interests. The new body will have a large budget, 75 per cent of it probably



New Forest ranger: one of the wandering ponies whose grazing shapes the woodland's character

funded by the government. One of the principal uses for the money will probably be help for the commoners, now down to 250. Their freely-wandering ponies are the forest's most familiar sight, but all their livestock, including cattle, sheep and pigs, maintain its open character by grazing. However, com-

moning is no longer economic and cottages with rights are often sold to outsiders who do not take them up. "It's not a very profitable operation, it's just a way of life," said Jimmy Winter, a fourth-generation commoner. He turns nearly 200 head of cattle into the forest and an

unspecified number of po-

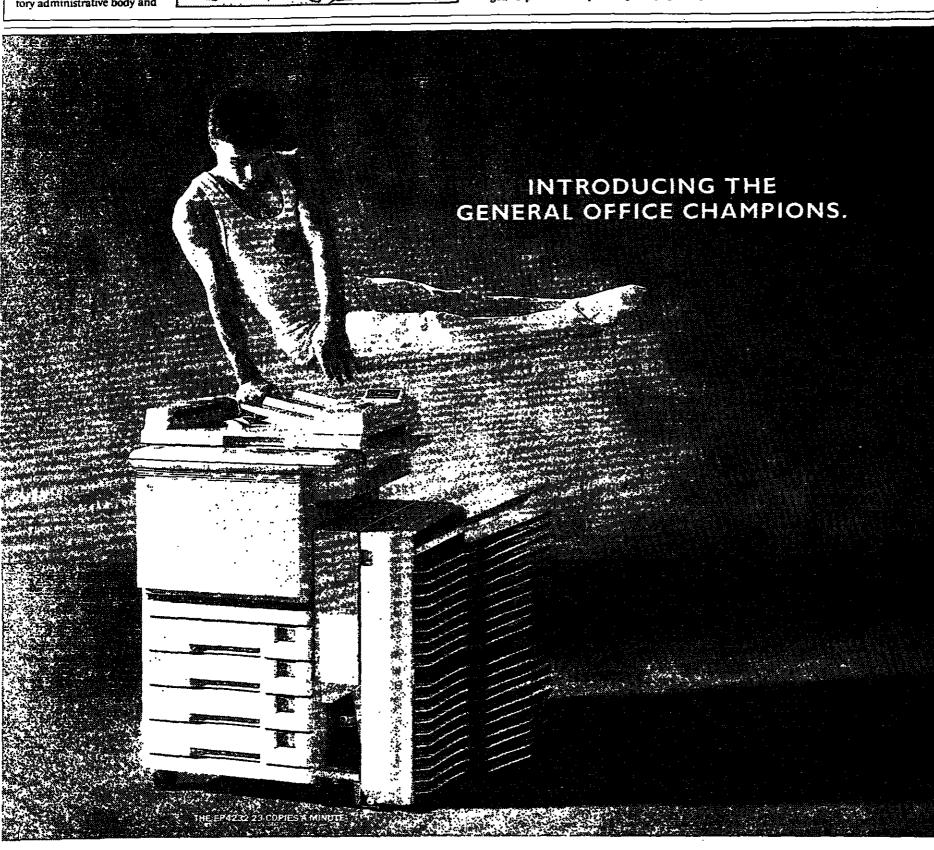
nies - "No commoner will sell you how many ponies he's got" — and would welcome

financial help. The man most pleased by tomorrow's announcement is likely to be Maldwyn Drummond, the landowner and former senior verderer who chairs the New Forest committee and who led the lobby-

Hopes rise

on blood

ing for the move. "The New Forest is the finest piece of lowland landscape in Britain," he said. "If I had to put its value into a word. I would say 'peace'. There are very few places in southern Britain where you can hear the silence, and where the natulatte!



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COPIERS - FAX LASER PRINTERS disease By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the first Britons to undergo gene therapy, given government approval last week, could be those with haemophilia B, a rare inherited disease that inhibits blood clotting. The treatment recoming. The treatment re-places missing or defective genes with healthy ones. An agreement between Ge-netic Therapy, an American biotechnology company, and the British Technology

Group in London, which sup-ports and licenses research world-wide, gives the US firm the rights to research from teams at Oxford and Washington universities. They recently located the gene that controls production of factor. IX, a blood protein, and un-

People with haemophilia B about 15 per cent of haemophiliacs — either produce too little or none of the protein because the vital gene is defective or missing. They can suffer uncontrolled bleed ing if cut or bruised, and bleeding around the joints even after light exercise. At present they have to take transfusions of factor IX, made from concentrated human blood donations, which puts them at risk of diseases ncluding Aids and herpes. Gene therapy offers the

chance of the missing factor being produced continuously, overcoming the problem of bleeding joints.

#### **Doctors** seek vote on action

Junior doctors are demand-ing that the British Medical Association council agree to a ballot on industrial action over "slow progress" in moves to cut long hours. A confer-ence in London at the weekend agreed to ask all 29,000 junior doctors to vote on providing an emergencies tals. The proposal has to be agreed by the council, which

meets next in March. The conference accepted a pay deal amounced last month giving juniors higher overtime pay as "the best that could be expected".

Two charged

Two men are due at Jedburgh sheriff court today accused of the attempted murder and serious assault of two police men. PC Ian Hope and PC Anchew Brockie received stal wounds after attending a disturbance at Galashiels, Borders, early yesterday.

Tyre fire

A big fire at an illegal tyre dump was being investigated by police yesterday. Over 100 firemen fought the 100st flames at Kelly Bray, near Callington, Corn

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**Bond winners** 

Prémium Bond winners this 355435, from Norwich (£62 holding): £50,000, 24DS 107743, Northumberland (£10,000); £25.000, 13HK 175554, Welwyn (£10,000).

## **Tolstoy bridges** classics gap

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA DONATIONS for Book Aid's national appeal week which begins today have already been pouring in, including a 20-volume set on psychology. It remains to be seen, however, whether contributors will be able to cap the campaign's most unlikely achievement to date: bring ing Tolstoy to the Russians.
A total of 800 large print
English translation copies of the first donations made after the charity was set up in September. The capies were included in 12,800 books for the partially sighted, do-nated by Ulverscroft Large Print Books Ltd of Anstey.

Leicester.

At 180 words a page, the large print Tolstoy is more likely to strain the arm muscles than the eyes. Each copy fills five volumes and is being distributed by the Library for Foreign Literature, Book Aid's partner in Moscow, where classics in translation are much prized by those learning English.

Roger Graef, the founder of Rook Aid mid the

of Book Aid, said that Ulverscroft's donation was perhaps the most precious gift received by the charity.

The Russians themselves do not have many facilities for the visually impaired, so the value of these books cannot possibly be exaggerated." □ National Book Aid Week Monday, January 20 to Sunday, January 26. Books may be handed in at Heffers, 20 Trinity St. Cambridge. Blackwell, 50 Broad St. Oxford: HJ. Lear. Royal Arcade, Cardiff; Hamm-ick's Farnham (both branches);



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# Matters of life and death and money

A NEW migraine treatment. would cost the national health service more than £1 billion a year if made avail-able to all sufferers. A newly-synthesised hormone to help short children to grow would cost £80,000 a child. A promising treatment for septicaemia, which affects 25,000 Britons a year, would add over £100 million to hospital

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This snapshot of reports published in a single week in two medical journals from among the 30,000 appearing around the world. The Lancet and the British Medical Journal, illustrates the magnitude of the pressures on the health service and the inevitability of rationing. They show

#### Video puts buyers in the picture

Lancashire: Estate agents with a fine line in patter and the ability to pass on piles of brochures could soon be redundant (Rachel Kelly writes). Potential buyers can now select houses for viewing after seeing their charms on

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video film The videos made by Keyhole Productions contain properties in a particular price range with several seconds devoted to each house, and background music and a silken-tongued voice-over. The cost is met by revenue from advertisements

#### Crop squad

Colombo: Sri Lanka has set up a special paramili-tary force to protect crops against wild boar and rabbits, (AFP)

Flight of fancy London: Love is in the air, according to a survey by ABC Executive Flight Planner. One in four executives view the person in the next seat as a potential

Florida: Police who went ton Beach to find out why the 911 emergency number was being repeatedly dialled found a cat playing with a cordless phone.

#### Sub-standard

Delhi: India's road research institute says only 2 per cent of the country's 19,000 miles of main roads meet international standards. (Reuter)

#### Motor record

Beaulieu: The National Motoring Museum has appealed for people to search cupboards for sheet music, records or tapes for a collection on a motoring

#### Speech defect

Llandudno: The transport department lists applicants for driving tests con-ducted in Welsh under "disabled" because that computer section is the only one with extra space.

New medical treatments could consume Britain's gross national product. Jeremy Laurance describes the dilemma

how advances in medical treatment could consume Britain's gross national prodnot with ease. Doctors are having to make hard choices between different treatments, services, facilities - and

The new drug Sumatripten

has proved so effective in treating migraine that GPs should "start familiarising themselves with its use", the current issue of The Lancet advises. But at £20 a treatment, it calculates that if the 10 per cent of the population estimated to suffer migraines were to use it once a month, the cost to the health service would be £1.344 billion. "The worry to those who pick up the bill," it concludes, "is that the vast horde of self-medicat-

out of the woodwork." The Journal says that the use of monocional antibodies - a type of drug - in treating

**Publishers** 

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view of

history

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

BRITISH publishers have chosen to spurn a history book designed to coach schoolchildren in European

perspectives which is due to appear in other parts of the

European Community.

The Histoire de l'Europe, available, across the Continent from March 25, assem-

bles the thoughts of 12

historians from around

Europe, and aims to help to encourage peaceful co-exis-

tence among tomorrow's

**Dutch and French socialist** MEPS originally suggested that the work be added to the ECs agenda, arguing that existing histories were

prone to nationalistic bias

needed material "to stimu-

late an awareness of belong

ing to a single political entity". The text, masterminded by

the French publishing com-pany Hachette, has yet to

find a taker in this country,

but George Robertson, oppo-

sition spokesman on Europe-an affairs, said yesterday that the idea had potential. "I don't think it should be

imposed, but it's the sort of

thing that would be useful in a broad-based approach to

However, other British politicians have been less

than receptive. Hugh McMa-hon, Labour MEP for Strath-

clyde West, described the

idea as "Euro-culture gone beserk". Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East, said

that any step to introduce the

book to British schools

should be strongly resisted.
"We have a long tradition in
this country that schools are

used in the dissemination of knowledge and not for pro-paganda," he said.

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to marry Sue Efficit, a power company official in Hagers-town, Maryland. Mr Tuck-

well, aged 60, is founding conductor of the Maryland

The son of country singer

Loretta Lynn has been con-

victed of selling a gram of cocaine to an undercover agent in 1989. Rrnie Lynn,

aged 38, lead guitarist in his mother's band, faces eight to

Paul Newman's food com-

pany helped to save a referral service for the homeless through a \$12,000 (£6,700)

12 years in prison.

Symphony Orchestra.

history," he said.

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ing patients (who have been

buying preparations from pharmacists) will now come

to 10,000 lives a year in Britain, but the cost of £100 million a year has already "caused alarm".

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Another article concludes that injecting growth hor-mone into short children over ten years could provide a small boost to their final height at a cost of £80,000. This hardly seems warranted," it says.

Last month the Journal's editor, Richard Smith, argued that rationing should be "explicit and rational", in-volving politicians and the public. He opposed the view. held by many doctors, that they alone should take the decisions. "The decline of paternalism and the rightful increase in demands for accountability mean that doctors cannot take such deci-

Rationing already happens, but invisibly. Less than 3 per cent of those who might benefit from infertility treatment receive it, according to Robert Winston, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, and most of



Dawn watch: John Bateman keeps a look-out during his milk round in Stoke-on-Trent. Staffordshire police. are supporting more than 150 milkmen in a scheme aimed at making life difficult for the city's criminals

#### Milkmen go on patrol

MILKMEN put crime pre-vention on their list of doorstep deliveries when they began their rounds in Stokeon-Trent today at the start of a pilot scheme supported by Staffordshire police.

The force has trained more than 150 milkmen who will keep watch on houses and other properties in what is thought to be the first project of its kind in the country. The Dawn Patrol is aimed at capitalising on the role of milkmen as regular early-morning visitors to residenspot criminals at work while householders are asleep.

The milkmen, employed by Dale Farm, have been given a 10-point checklist to help them to recognise what may be criminal activity, and incident report cards. Residents have been asked to display the scheme's warning

Sergeant John Sims, a divisional crime prevention of-ficer, said that milkmen had often helped police to pre-vent or solve crimes while on their rounds, and added: "We want to build on that relationship."

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# **Duchess flies home**

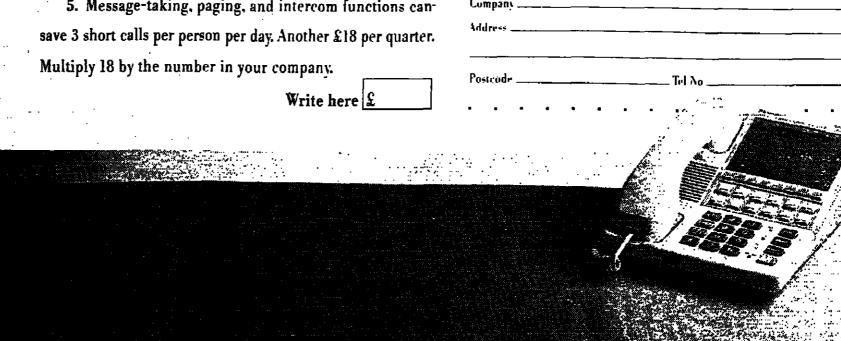
today after a weekend of charity engagements in Florida. The duchess, who flew out on Thursday amid specula-tion over her friendship with a Terran oil tycoon, has three weeks before her next public engagement and is expected to spend time with her daughters Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, has become patron of his own jazz chib after admissing to hav-"catholic" tastes. Dr Carey said he was delighted to become patron of the monthly Sunday night jazz club in the bar of Canteroury's Marlowe Theatre.

Barry Tuckwell, one of the world's greatest French horn.

The Princess of Wales is to he guest of honour at a star-studded charity tribute to Sammy Davis Jar, who died last year from cancer. Liza Minnelli is devising the onenight Royal Albert Hall spectacular. Organisers hope to raise £500,000 for the Royal Marsden Hospital cancer appeal and New York's Memo-rial Shoan-Kettering Cancer



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#### Right-wing walkout from Shamir cabinet clouds outlook for Middle East negotiations

# Arab refusal brings peace talks closer to collapse

THE fragile Middle East peace process came closer to collapse yesterday after plans and the refusal of at least two key Arab players to attend the crucial third round of multilateral talks due to begin in Moscow next week. With Syria and Lebanon

determined, despite Egyptian pressure, to boycott the meeting, Western officials fear the talks will prove ineffective in dealing with the regional is-sues to be discussed, such as scarce water and arms control, in which Syrian participation is vital. The Euphrates river plays a crucial role in water for the region. Of its 1.438 miles, 292 miles run through Syria.

This, plus alleged Israeli designs on water resources in southern Lebanon, means Syria and Lebanon are regarded as vital partners to any meaningful talks. Syria is also central to any attempt at the multilateral talks, expected to include Japan and the European Community as well, at progress on controlling the spread of weapons. Damas-cus is busy finding arms sup-pliers to replace the former Soviet Union.

Syria's decision not to attend, announced on Saturday after an abortive trip to Damascus by Amr Moussa, the Egyptian foreign minister, may prompt other of the 16 Arab states — plus the Pales-tinians — to follow suit. "Syr-ia will not go to the multi-lateral talks because Israel is resisting peace and refusing to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories," a Syrian official said.

Some Arab moderates, notably King Husain of Jordan, had hoped that relative success in Moscow might help break the deadlock in the bilateral negotiations between Israel, its Arab neighbours and the Palestinians. Following Syria's boycott: it was announced vesterday by Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that representatives of all the Arab states would meet in Morocco on Friday to re-

The PLO, which is not formally party to the talks, has yet to say whether it will authorise participation of a Palestinian delegation in Moscow. Arab diplomatic sources said yesterday it would be difficult for a number of the Arab states, notably Jordan, to attend if the Palestinians were absent. Adding to the growing mood of pessimism about the joint American and Russian initiative which began last October, Nabil Shaath, an adviser to Mr Arafat, gave a warning that the Palestinians would not like the president provided. pull out if America provided

Israeli housing loan guaran-tees worth \$10 billion (£5.6 billion). The postponed deci-sion is due to be taken in Congress by the spring, after President Bush's plea last September that the loan be put off to assist the talks. Another gloomy note came from Haider Abdel Shafi,

leader of the Palestinian delegation, who said that the Palestinians would refuse to travel to Moscow unless progress on fundamental issues such as land and settlements was achieved. After two troubled sessions of the bilateral talks in Washington, no date or venue for the next round has yet been agreed.

Yesterday's resignation of two small right-wing parties from Israel's coalition government has increased already deep suspicions among Arabs that early elections in Israel are a ploy to slow down further the snail's pace of the talks so far. Claiming that the Palestin-

ian autonomy plan which prompted the walkout did not meet "the simplest basic rights of the Palestinian people", the semi-official Cairo newspaper. al Gomhouriya, said that this plan had already been rejected after the Camp David peace treaty be



tween Israel and Egypt in

● Marjayoun. Lebanon: Guerrilla bombs damaged two houses in Israel's selfdeclared security zone in south Lebanon, killing a village mayor and wounding a school head. The Islamic Resistance, a guerrilla coalition led by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement, said it attacked bases of Israelis and their local allies. (Reuter)

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## Israel envoy sees Bush decline as loans lever

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL tried yesterday to extricate itself from a potential diplomatic fiasco in its relations with Washington after a senior Israeli diplomat advised colleagues to take advantage of President Bush's unpopularity to press home claims for billions of dollars

in American loan guarantees. The four-page memorandum, which was obtained and leaked by Avraham Burg, an opposition Israeli MP, was written by Yoram Etinger, the minister at the Israeli embassy in Washing-ton in charge of relations with

The document sets out the strategy that Israeli officials and American Jewish organisations should adopt in order to win support among Re-publican leaders and memtration for approval this month of \$10 billion (£5.6 billion) in loan guarantees that Israel has requested to help it absorb immigrants from the former Soviet

The loan guarantees caused Israeli-American tension in September last year when President Bush delayed by 120 days consideration of the Israeli request and defied the powerful Jewish lobby in Congress because of concern over Israel's continued policy of building settlements in the occupied territories.

The move came amid growing strains on the previously excellent relations, caused not only by the right-wing poli-cies of Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, but also by a spate of corruption scandals involving senior Israeli offi-

cers working on joint military projects. Mr Etinger's memo-randum advises colleagues to "exploit Bush's unpopularity" and try to drive a wedge between him and members of the Republican party who tend to support granting the guarantees to Israel. "As long as opinion polls show less support for the president, the independence and drive of senior officials and decision makers grows stronger," the document is quoted as

document is quoted as saying.

The diplomat advises the American Jewish community to bring its influence to bear on the ioan guarantee issue.

The Jewish community's course of action heavily influences the opinion of legislators and campaign managers and their opinion influences the president," he says.

Mr Burg described the advice as tantamount to inter-

vice as tantamount to interference in the domestic politics of the Republican party. He said: "Just imagine that there is a man in the American embassy in Tel Aviv who proposes action to support [Israeli foreign minister] David Levy within the Likud Shamir. What would the Israeli public say about a situa-

tion like that? The Israeli foreign ministry described the memorandum as a confidential analysis and not a policy document. An enquiries to Mr Etinger, who told Israel radio: "We never called for incitement against the administration and I never called for a conflict with the

#### Pressure to topple Saddam grows

Washington: Saudi Arabia is reportedly pressing the Bush administration to start co-vertly supplying Iraqi rebel groups with arms and intelligence as part of an aggressive new drive to topple President Saddam Hussein (Martin

Fletcher writes).

The aim would be for the rebels to defeat or win over speed in the Kurdish northor and to draw Shiz south and to draw
Saddam's elite Republican
Guard divisions away from
his Baghdad stronghold to
counter their insurgencies.
Those divisions would then become the targets of allied air strikes, The New York Times claimed.

American officials believe Saddam's power-base is con-tracting. A group of administration agencies has been considering what else it can do to undermine Saddam.

Algerian attack Algiers: Gunnen killed a soldier and wounded two paramilitary policemen in the first reported attacks on security forces since army-backed Algerian leaders last weekend cancelled elections as Islamic fundamentalists headed for victory. (Reuters)

#### Libyan plea

Lendon: Libya has called for a United Nations conference on ways to combat terrorism. The proposal, made in a letter to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary general, came a day before today's debate on the Lockerole bombing, which Labya is boycotting.

#### Family affair

Tokyo Kim Jong II, aged 49, son of President Kim II Sungof North Korea, vowed to carry on as his father's loyal successor in what observers here said was his first com-ment on the matter. The younger Kim is supreme army commander. (AFP)

#### Outback rescue Sydney: Four more Chinese

boat people were found in the outback of northwestern Australis, taking to 47 the number rescried since they abandoned their boat in Montague Sound, Western Australia. Nine are still

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Delhi: Indian scientists are to start human trials of an emergency transfusion made from out-of-date donated blood that can be given to patients of any blood group, in such cases as accidents when there are no supplies immediately available. (AFP)

#### Writer killed

Hong Kong: Chan Kang Nan, an outspoken Hong Kong newspaper columnist known for criticising China and Taiwanese independence, has been found battered to death. The police said that they had not ruled out a political motive. (Reuter)

#### Cuba support

Bogotá: Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, who is visiting Colombia, and President Gaviria of Colombia have called for the prompt reintegration of Cuba into the Latin American community to help in restoring stability in the Caribbean region. (AP)

#### Killer caught New York: Frank Vandever,

aged 40, a transvestite stock-broker who escaped from jail two weeks ago after being convicted of murdering a client, was recaptured. His victim had discovered that Vandever had embezzled the man's investment account.

#### Scargill visit

Johannesburg: Arthur Scar-gill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, arriving for an international min-ers conference on energy and mining issues, said he would use the visit to show solidarity and share experience with South African unions. (AFP)

#### Limbs hope

Minneapolis: John Thompson, a teenager from Hurdsfield, North Dakota whose arms were reamarhed after being severed in a farm-ing accident, continued to recover but surgeons said that he would require further work on the limbs. (AP)

#### Hard urned

Peking: A funeral home worker in Shanghai has been sentenced to two years' hard labour for cleaning out urns of cremated remains and reselling them to bereaved families. He had made £70before being stopped\_(AFP)

# India edges closer to full ties with Tel Aviv

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

YASSIR Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, arrives in Delhi today to seek assurances that India will not es tablish full diplomatic ties with Israel. He will be told that there are no immediate plans to do so. But it appears to be only a matter of time before Delhi opens an embassy in Tel Aviv. marking another important shift in foreign policy.

While India insists that its longstanding support for the Palestinian cause is not being diluted, it believes that there are big advantages in developing closer ties with Israel because of shared concerns over Islamic fundamentalism and the military the Arab world.

Delhi also wants to establish its right to be involved in the Middle East peace talks. America and Israel have made clear privately that that will require a commitment to full diplomatic relations with

Another key reason for India's changing position is its urgent need for better rela-

collapse of the Soviet Union, its most important military and economic partner. Delhi has been told in so many words that opening an em bassy in Tel Aviv would be an important gesture that could clear the way for closer economic co-operation with Washington.

India, which opposed the formation of Israel but formally recognised its existence in 1950, put off Mr Arafat's visit for several months while it clarified its stand. It sent signals to America that it was willing to upgrade diplomatic

relations if it were given a role in the next round of the Middie East peace talks, due to begin in Moscow on January 28. America is understood to have told India that it might be able to participate later on, depending on whether it agreed to exchange ambassadors with Israel.

India believes that its longstanding position over the Palestinian question, a traditional pillar of foreign policy, entitles it to a role in the talks. Delhi was one of the first capitals to give diplomatic recognition to the PLO.

Aviv until the present Middle that the possibility of upgrading diplomatic ties in no way alters its stand that Israel must withdraw from the territories occupied since 1967. 'Arafat will be reassured that India still supports him," an observer said. "But he will go away disappointed if he tries to get a long-term pledge that ties with Israel will not be upgraded. They will be: the timing and the circumstances

Delhi has put off a decision on opening an embassy in Tel simply have to be decided."

## Menem nurses Falklands goal A "diplomatic umbrella" is failing

to hide Argentina's obsession with sovereignty, Gabriella Gamini writes from Buenos Aires

Ten years after Argentina lost the conflict over the Falkland Islands, road signs welcoming vis-itors at the international airport still resurrect an old battle cry. "The Malvi-nas are Argentine" claim large blue biliboards lining the road all the way into the centre of Buenos

Aires.
"They are to tell people those islands are ours and we will never give up our claim to them," said a taxi driver. President Menem has reiterated this message every time he has anpeared in public over the ast two weeks, in what appears to be an effort to override news of the commemoration of the forthcoming tenth anniversary of the Falklands war, coupled with Margaret Thatcher's proposed visit to the islands in June.

Señor Menem has renewed sovereignty claims several times and said he intends to press for negotiations on the issue even though, when his government resumed diplomatic relations with Britain last year, they agreed to shelve discussions on sovereign-ty "under a diplomatic

umbrella" indefinitely. enor Menem says Othat by working on im-proved diplomatic relations with Britain be would win sovereignty eventually. At a public raily in the southern prov-ince of Tierra del Fuego last week, he said: "We

Gregory Faulkner, the British consul in Buenos Aires, said his office had not received official confirmation on sovereignty claims and the issue re-

a "wide range of bilateral and international relations".

Señor Menem's re-

At a rally in February 1989 he labelled Britain as "pirates of the world" and claimed: "No matter how much time passes, or how much blood we have to shed, that territory will be ours

ain. Last week he confirmed he would visit Britain later in the year.

# Rangoon steps up border forces as Muslims flee

FROM ALISTAIR LAWSON-TANCRED IN COX'S BAZAR, BANGLADESH AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BURMA has deployed more than 75,000 troops along its border with Bangladesh and intensified its persecution of Muslims, causing thousands more to flee across the fron-

Bangladeshi defence sources said that Rangoon's military rulers had put more than 30,000 extra soldiers into positions along the 170-mile border in the past few days, increasing the dangers of a frontier confrontation. In Burma, militant Muslim guerrilla groups are prepar-ing to fight the military government. The rebels, armed with rocket launchers, assault rifles and machineguns, are recruiting from the refugees streaming into Bangladesh to escape persecution in the Islamic state of Arakan. The immigrants, based in

makeshift camps with little food or medicine, claim they are victims of a state-sponsored campaign of repression. An estimated 40,000 Rohingya refugees have risked being shot by border guards in the past year to arrive penniless in one of the world's poorest countries.

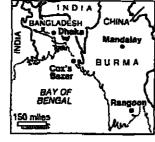
"Bangladesh may soon ask for international aid for the refugees," an official in Chittagong said. He said more than 50 of them, mostly children, had died of exposure and others were suffering from cold, hunger and

Muhammad Yunus, secretary of the refugees' relief committee, said many more would soon be arriving in Bangladesh because of a drive by the Burmese army to stifle Muslim support for Aung San Suu Kyi, the detained opposition leader. "In Arakan state, the Burmese

military has relocated all the Muslims, seizing their land without any compensation," he said. "We have been forced to work as porters for the army, and given no pay.
"While wives have been

raped, husbands were taken to the hills and asked to clear mines planted by anti-government guerrilla groups. Some of us have been forced to act as human shields at army security outposts to deter rebel attacks. "All our mosques have been

demolished and Muslim schools closed down. Students from Arakan are frequently beaten by the soldiers. Our people are regularly tortured and im-



prisoned without trial many have been detained since the 1950s - while restriction of movement laws prevent them from escaping the persecution."

The groups fall into two main factions: the fundamentalist Rohingya Solidarity Organisation, and the far less powerful, moderate Arakan Rohingya Islamic Front. Both support Daw Suu Kyi and say they have been forced to take up arms against the Burmese army because of persistent persecution of Ro-hingya Muslims in Arakan.

Dr Yunus, who leads the

solidarity organisation, said

more than 5,000 troops, plus an additional 1,000 soldiers fighting in Burma. "Our objective is to achieve self-determination for the people of Arakan, which can only be achieved if Daw Suu Kyi is released from house arrest. "We now intend to take our

that his force consisted of

struggle inside Burma and have already succeeded in ambushing the enemy and capturing machineguns and rifles. We have also smuggled some of our weapons into the war area from the Cambodian border. Because of our possibility of Burma invading Bangladesh — the recent Myanmar [Burmese] attack on a border security outpost is part of an overall strategy to occupy part of Bangladesh."

Because of its staunch Islamic stand, the organisation enjoys financial support from countries including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. It is claimed that some recruits are being trained by Afghan mujahedin in Khost province. The smaller Islamic front operates inside Burma and is commanded by Nural Islam, aged 43. It consists of more than 100 men armed with antiquated British weapons.

Officials in Dhaka have strenuously denied claims from Rangoon that Bangladesh provides tacit support for the rebels. Mahmood Ali, the foreign minister, said that there was no question of Bangladesh providing a refuge for insurgents. "We have never provided any sanctuary for the rebels," he said. "If they do operate in our territory, it is because it is very difficult to stop guerrilla groups from functioning in thick jungle in





Scandal fears: Kakuei Tanaka, left, arrested over Lockheed, and Kiichi Miyazawa

## Miyazawa vows to clean up politics

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

WITH tales of political vice and immorality recounted daily in the newspapers here, Japan's corruption-prone political world has started to preach its favourite homilies about ethics and funding. Kiichi Miyazawa, the

prime minister, vowed in Seoul on Friday to make Jap-anese politics "less expensive and political funding more open to public scrutiny, to prevent the recurrence of political bribery". In Nagatacho, Tokyo's equivalent of Westminster, politicians have been heard muttering about the need for self-inspection and hoping that they will not be singled out by Tokyo's public prosecutor.

The zeal for talking about

political reform comes a week

after Fumio Abe was plucked

from the senior ranks of the

ruling Liberal Democratic

party and arrested on charges

of accepting bribes from

Kyowa, a now bankrupt steel

have neither the ability nor the inclination to wipe out the system of money politics. Shigezo Hayasaka, who was private secretary to Kakuei Tanaka, the former prime minister arrested on

bribery charges in the Lockheed scandal, remarked that Liberal Democrats spend 80 per cent of their time raising money with which to fight each other. "Politicians are so heavily occupied with raising and distributing money to promote their chances of reelection that they have no time to think about politics," said Kaoru Okano, a professor of politics.

company. Mr Abe's arrest brings the total of big corrup-tion cases involving MPs to

15 since the second world war

and another may be brewing.

heard it all before, Mr Miya-

zawa's protestations over

funding reforms ring hollow.

They believe their politicians

To the Japanese who have

# are not going to rest until the islands are part of our territory again."

mained under an "um-brella", clearly not open for discussion He said that when Tristan Garel-Jones, a foreign office minister of state, arrives in Buenos Aires on Friday for talks with Senor Guido di Tella, the foreign minister, they will not touch on the subject of sovereignty but keep to

newed demands for sover-eignty, despite the minbrella agreement, are a reminder of his tendency to reverse policies. Dur-ing his presidential campaign he won votes on an anti-Britain ticket

Only a few months after taking office in February 1990, he surprised every-one by agreeing to restore diplomatic ties with Brit-

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#### **OVERSEAS NEWS 9**

# Saddan Holocaust birthplace becomes museum with a mission "this always made it possible to spread the blame".

weekend. Here, 50 years ago today, six million murders were planned. Now, according to its director, Gerhard Schoenberner, the museum seeks to explain how "a civilised country could perpetrate the sheer barbarism of the

On January 20, 1942, in the course of a drunken working breakfast attended by 15 men from Hitler's ministries, the "final solution" became the official policy of the Third Reich. Persecution and mass execution of Jews were well established Nazi tactics by then, but the "Wannsee conference" was the moment when the administrative train of genocide was set in motion.

Adolf Eichmann wanted a conference to bring together the various ministries needed to co-ordinate the arrest, transport and extermination of Jews. Years later, during his trial, he was to describe how the orderlies ensured that the cognac flowed freely during the hour and a half spent drawing up the 15page protocol.

doors to explain one of history's worst crimes, initiated at a drunken breakfast, Ian Murray writes from Berlin

a Protestant minister whose family suffered imprisonment and exile for resisting Hitler, was 14 when the war ended. A historian, he has dedicated his life to trying to understand why his countrymen set about committing genocide with such determined efficiency. The museum, financed by the city of Berlin, is the result of his search. The villa doubles as a library and education centre to teach young people the events and consequences of

the Nazi period. Herr Schoenberner thinks that only now are Germans ready to face these issues. "In the 1960s the Cold War ended all attempts to deal with the past," he said. "The Americans needed us in Nato even though 85 per cent of Germans did not want a new army. The Americans had to win us over to their system.

Herr Schoenberner, son of They could not expect us to say 'yes' when they still had Germans in jail, so they released some terrible war criminals.

There were even those who said: 'Did we not fight boishevism much earlier? Now, at last, the Americans have understood that they should have fought with Hitler against Stalin instead of the other way round." Herr Schoenberner he-

lieves shame and fear still make it difficult for many Germans to admit what happened. "A whole generation was afraid to touch this delicate subject," he said. The fact that most present-

day Germans were born after the war means "people now have not the slightest reason to feel guilty. For them it is history. They have a new approach to this period and they want to know why it hap-

of nuclear weapons.

tion Treaty.



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H-Gruppenführer Müller #-Obersturmbannführer Eichmann

H-Oberführer Dr. Schöngerth Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei und des 5D im GeneralPesse- und Siedlungstmatqued

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Chef der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD, H-Obergruppenführer Haydrich, teilte eingange seine Bestellung zum Beauftragten für die Forbereitung der Endlösung der suropäischen Judenfrage durch den Reichsmarachall mit und wies dar-

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Eichmann and an extract from the only remaining copy of the infamous Wannsee protocol in the museum. The last two lines contain a reference to "preparations for the solution of the European Jewish question"

ing orders."

liar because they never thing. It started here. If you experienced a dictatorship.

The Nazis are as far away from them as the moon, but they have a vital interest in finding out how it happened because it was a German

have a heritage, you cannot pick and choose which bits you want to keep."

He thinks two main factors turned ordinary Germans into tools of the Holocaust, "For

generations the tradition was drummed into people to obey orders. People carried out these crimes, not because of a personal anti-Semitic feeling but because they were obey-

The second reason was the German way of dividing work into different categories. What people did collectively was a monstrous crime, but each person individually did little or nothing wrong, and

development". Unpleasant words such as "death" or "extermination" appear nowhere in the neathy typed pages. They would have seemed out of place in the gracious dining-room. Photographs of 12 of the men who approved the document stare coldly down from the wall (no pictures of the other three have been traced) but the room is otherwise empty of their sinister presence.

Mounted under glass in the

room overlooking the lake

where the 15 drunken men

had breakfast 50 years ago,

the only remaining copy of

the original 30 copies of the

Wannsee protocol is the mu-

seum's main exhibit. The

document explains how Eu-

rope's 11 million Jews, in-

cluding an estimated 330,000 from Britain, were

to be marched east to do

construction work "whereby

doubtless a large proportion

will fall by the way". Survivors would need to be dealt with

"accordingly" because, by their very survival, "they rep-

resent a natural selection ...

a germ cell of a new Jewish

Hurd raises defence worries in Kiev

# Ukraine hints at going it alone

BY ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, arrived in Kiev on the second leg of his threenation tour of the former Soviet Union yesterday as President Kraychuk of Ukraine hinted that his republic could withdraw from the Commonwealth of Independent States. .

Highest on the foreign secretary's agenda in Ukraine. the second most important republic to emerge from the Soviet Union, are British and Western uncertainty over plans to divide the Crimeabased Black Sea fleet. The fleet, which accounts for about a quarter of the former Soviet Union's naval power,\_ has been the subject of bickering between Ukraine and

Hurd and Ukraine's foreign and defence ministers, the foreign secretary raised other military concerns that are arising in relations between the commonwealth states, including the Ukrainian military oath of allegiance and the timing of the withdrawal of tactical nuclear missiles from the republic.

His concern was mirrored in Bonn where Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, said in an interview that republics of the former Soviet Union would continue to receive Western economic aid only if they convinced the West that they were honouring international arms-control agree-

ments. In another interview, Pierre Joxe, the French defence minister, offered

Mr Hurd remarked, should be sent to Scotland Yard. Mr Hurd discussed commercial and economic co-operation and possible British aid in the development of a financial system for the republic.

President Kravchuk's hint yesterday of withdrawal from the commonwealth was made as Ukrainian and British television cameras were waiting for him to shake hands with Mr Hurd Referring to Friday's meeting of senior Soviet officers in Moscow and the election of a military council. Mr Kravchuk said: "If we object to something then we must, without fail, raise the question of living in the

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sador in Moscow. The nose,

commonwealth." • Changing times: Clocks in much of the Russian Federation went forward by an hour yesterday (Mary Dejevsky writes). The shift caused havoc with rail and air timetables and brought scenes of confu-sion to Kiev airport. Ukraine is remaining on Central European time.

The change in Moscow time came after weeks of pressure from schools and factories. The Russian decision to move the clocks forward annulled an order issued by President Gorbachev last year when most of western Russia switched to Central European time.

Two weeks and two days into "price liberalisation", the shelves of Mos-

cow's food shops are be-

ginning to fill. On what

used to be Kalinin Prospekt

renamed New Arbat - the

main food store is buzzing.

Suddenly as much buying seems to be happening in-

side the shop as by the back

Three sorts of sausage are

on sale, including the rub-bery pink "boiled" kind in

kilogram sticks, smoked sa-

lami and pale link sausages.

There are eggs in plenty, all

with the advised pink

stamp on them, in addition

to butter, cottage cheese

and sundry varieties of

smoked and tinned fish.

Red caviar is sold by the

100 grams to those with the

foresight to bring a con-

tainer. On other counters

are Russian sweets and

chocolates, soft pink me-

ringues in boxes and a

sought-after sweetmeat in

and has been recently



Spring option: Torrente, the Paris fashion house that lists Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, as a customer, declared the 1992 fashion season open yesterday with a glimpse of the colourful, sassy styles coming into vogue (Liz Smith writes). His orange and green flowered organza twopiece with assymetric bubble skirt, above,

from the spring haute couture collection to be shown in Paris next Sunday, is a clue to how most top designers are resolving the hemline debate. High or low, it is up to the customer, as top couturiers Hardy Amies, Victor Edelstein, Franka, Hartnell and Anouska Hempel will prove in London fashion shows this week.

#### Cresson decides to sue Le Pen

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

COMBATIVE as ever, Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, has decided to take legal action against Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the French far right, for defam-ing the Socialist government. Mme Cresson's complaint, deposited at the weekend, comes after the National Front leader described her cabinet as "a bunch of robbers, racketeers and gangsters leading the nation to disaster".

Although always free with his abuse of political oppo-nents, Mrne Cresson decided this assault on the "constitu-tional body" demanded an appropriately tough response. With ministers' support, she intends to pursue him for a formal apology and

damages, if only symbolic. Undaunted, M Le Pen repeated the offending words at a press conference in Nice vesterday, adding for good measure that the Socialists were "rogues". His rule in politics, he said, was "to call a cat a cat" and that would always be the case where the sort of scandals that were now emerging were concerned. "Those people are going to make themselves look ridicu-lous once again," he said. M Le Pen has been convict-

ed of defamation twice in the past five years. This latest outburst was transparently timed to exploit the scandals about campaign financing that could prove highly dam-aging for the Socialists. With the front looking for significant gains in regional elections in March, he needs no encouragement to sling mud where he hopes it will stick.

But opinion polls show a deep discontent with all political parties and their leaders Mme Cresson and M Le Pen included. Few people, it seems, now bother about the goings on in the National Assembly, while viewing fig-ures for politics on television — including President Mitterrand's increasingly tedious interventions — have been falling like a stone.

The outcome of the clash between Mme Cresson and M Le Pen is unlikely to have much direct electoral significance.

#### **Killings** strain truce in Croatia

Zagreb: The deaths of three Yugoslav soldiers in fighting and an intensitying war of words over the main Serb enclave in Croatia have placed the latest truce under renewed strain (Anne

McElvoy writes). The soldiers were shot dead in an ambush near the Adriatic town of Zadar. Croatian sources reported sporadic fighting around Nova Gradiska, but the two sides had used a new telephone link to agree to end the shooting.

An advance party of UN military observers was allowed to enter the main Krajina enclave, but its leaders repeated their refusal to disarm local militias in accordance with the UN plan to bring 10,000 peacekeepers into crisis areas.

Milan Babic, the region's self-styled prime minister. said: "The people of Krajina for the conflict and being disarmed while those who provoked the conflict, Croatia and its armed forces, remain

The UN has stipulated that the Croatian national guard and the federal army should withdraw from the Krajina area but keep their arms. while local irregular forces would give up their weapons.

#### Church leader had Stasi links

Bonn: Manfred Stolpe, former head of the Evangelical church in East Germany and the only Social Democrat prime minister of a Land in the east, has admitted he had close contacts with the Stasi for nearly 30 years (Ian Murray writes).

But, he insisted in Bremen,

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his only purpose had been to help those for whom he was responsible as a church leader. Herr Stolpe had never harmed anyone or been an informer, although he might have had a codename in the secret police files. Bernard Levin, page 12

#### Zhelev leads in Bulgaria polls

Sofia: President Zhelev took a clear lead yesterday in the run-off vote of Bulgaria's first direct presidential elections. initial projections showed.

Mr Zhelev, a philosopher, aged 56, the candidate of the anti-communist Union of Democratic Forces, held 54.4 per cent of the vote based on initial returns, the Bulgarian association for fair election said. His rival, Velko Valkanov, who is an independent but is backed by the Socialists, the renamed Communist party, had 45.6 per cent. Mr Valkanov, aged 64. is a lawyer. (AP)

#### Russia agrees troop pullout

Vilnins: President Yeltsin has agreed with President Landsbergis of Lithuania to begin withdrawing former Soviet troops from the republic (Anatol Lieven writes). The Lithuanian side has

modified its demand for immediate withdrawal and has said that special arrangements might be made for strategic anti-aircraft units. The Russians have agreed as a priority to remove, the garrison from Vilnius, the capital. The timetable for withdrawal is to be settled by a joint commission in Mos-

#### Net closes on ousted leader FROM REUTER IN KUTAISI

GEORGIA'S ruling military council said yesterday it was closing in on Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted president. The council claimed control of a key town and said it was opening talks for the capitulation of another one. The council's commander in the mountain town of

Kutaisi, operational head-quarters for the campaign against Mr Gamsakhurdia, described the position in western Georgia as stable. In Kutaisi, a few armed soldiers patrolled the streets but there were no signs of fighting. "We are proposing peaceful talks," Johnny Karcheva, the

commander, said. "We want all these regions to come under the government. But if those [peaceful] efforts produce no results, we will not



give anyone the opportunity to split Georgia up."

Mr Karcheva said that

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Samtredia, a town with an important railway junction. had fallen to the council's forces on Saturday without a shot "There were 50 [armed Gamsakhurdia supporters there. Last night they called us and said they were going."

In Zugdidi, the spring-board of Mr Gamsakhurdia's drive to claw back power. gunmen loyal to the onsted leader seemed poorly organised on Friday and were armed only with shorguns and hunting rifles. Mr Karcheva said: The government is holding talks with the

people of Zugdidi." Mr Gamsakhurdia's location yesterday was not clear. Mr Karcheva said that he was probably at Gali, a town in the western province of



Yeltsin: appearing in public yesterday

#### Yeltsin back on the ball

From Mary Dejevsky IN MOSCOW AND DAVID MILLER

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday turned up to present the prizes at a volleyball tourna-ment in Moscow — a sport in which he excelled in his yourger days. Mr Yeltsin's appearance seemed to quash speculation that he had expe-rienced heart trouble on Friday and been ordered to rest. It was unclear yesterday whether the Russian leader had suffered a recurrence of his earlier heart trouble or whether his illness might be more diplomatic in character - to mask, for instance, con-

timed failure by participants in the winter Olympics to agree under which flag they should appear. Mr Yehsin cancelled an appointment with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, at the weekend on the ground of ill health. He then offered to reschedule the meeting for yesterday. Senor Samaranch said he was

unable to accept because of

other engagements.
The brief scare over the president's health raises questions over Mr Yeltsin's facility to bow out at awkward moments, and the future of Russia. No one has anything approaching Mr Yeltsin's stantre, and there is no one who would seem capable of keeping the vast population of Russia and the predominantly Russian officer corps relatively docile during a period of massive economic and social upheaval.

Shoppers face a new dilemma: not whether to eat or starve, but whether to satisfy their wants or needs, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

long beige strips called pastila. No one is asking for sugar ration coupons. There are frozen chickens at 38 roubles a kilo - down seven roubles from the previous week - and some fresh meat. In another case are semi-prepared foods — gou-lash and "beef with gar-nish" — in foil packaging.

Dry white wine (imported from Bulgaria) is on open sale, at 52 roubles a bottle. a sight unseen for years: Soviet (now Russian) champagne at 90 roubles — down 30 roubles from two weeks ago; vodka: and brandy... again, no one asks for coupons. only the till receipt. You need time, of course. to queue several times over,

but above all you need mon-

ey. As a foreigner, who has just changed pounds for 160 roubles each (quite legally), you feel like a millionaire. For Russians, the new prices and the incipient re-appearance of some goods present a dilemma. For the first time in their lives, they have to choose not, for the most part, between eating and starving - the queues tell their own story — but between what they want

Russians savour benefit of price reforms

and what they really need. Across the road is the capital's leading book shop. Now, much trade is conducted, oriental-style, from rugs stretched out in front the shop. There are glossy art books. Agatha Christie thrillers and James Bond books in Russian

tle different at first sight from a year ago. Close up, however, the shelves have been transformed. There is a modest section of computer manuals. The economics section is full of books by Russian authors with titles like The End of Utopia. The Failed Experiment and other lamentations for 70 misspent years. In pride of place are translations of Hayek and other prophets of the ultra-free free

editions. Prices bear no re-

lation to the cover price, but

trade is brisk in all these

categories. Inside, the shop looks lit-

The philosophy and atheism department is another revelation. On one side is a jostling crowd through which you can just glimpse Tales from the Bible, Introduction to Yoga. The Teaching of Maharishi. Andrei Sakharov's autobiography

translation, and books on sex, pirated from Western not so long ago. On the other side, ignored, are stacks of pamphlets and yards of shelves about Marx and Lenin. Outside the Kiev railway station is another of the wonders of post-perestroika

and other volumes banned

Moscow. The square is an encampment of kiosks and stalls, selling everything you could imagine and much you could not. The kiosks started trading in earnest only in the past few months. Initially, they all stocked a strange mixture of everything — but only huxuries. Like sections of eastern bazaars, they are starting to specialise, some in clothes and shoes, some in jewellery and cosmetics. some in cassettes and novelties and others in food

Three years ago, the first co-operative ventures were openly threatened with fire bombs. The flimsy kiosks

# Master of eavesdropping and empathy

The art of the dramatic monologue is flourishing. Matt Wolf talks to one of its foremost exponents,

Alan Bennett, as his Talking Heads opens in London

nett's Talking Heads opens in London tomorrow, it will restore to the West End a theatrical form, the monologue, which seems to flourish for reasons that go beyond the fact that monologues are cheap to produce. It has not been long, after all, since Willy Russell's award-winning Shirley Valentine left the Duke of York's, having cast a succession of actresses in the richly defined role of the Liverpudlian housewife who finds love, as well as self-esteem, while on holiday in Greece. Later this week the Royal

Court revives Brian Friel's 1979 play. Faith Healer, monologues for three characters. And at the end of this month, David Hirson's Broadway play. La Bête, comes to London with a full cast of characters, yet nonetheless starts with a 20minute monologue for its

Bennett originally wrote his Talking Heads for television the title pays wry homage to the potential boredom of watching one person's face occupy the small screen only to watch it expand to fill a stage and an auditorium. not just a viewer's livingroom. Its West End run prolongs a virtual festival of this playwright's work, which hit its stride prior to Christmas with Bennett's two shows at the National Theatre. No sooner had his successful adaptation of The Wind in the Willows launched its second self-out season than it was joined by his first original play in three years, The Madness of George III. Add to that Bennett's recent television appearance as a British trader during the first world war in the BBC series Ashenden. under-stated of men suddenly seems to be everywhere.

"I'm a bit embarrassed about it all," he says, with customary self-effacement. prior to travelling from his

♥ eorge Bernard Shaw,

made no bones about using his apprenticeship as a drama critic to clobber the

kind of fashionable drama he did not approve of and then

suggest a more acceptable substitute, which, as a

dramatist, he was more than

ready to deliver. Likewise.

Truffaut, Godard, and other

NOW ON DISPLAY AT STEINWAY HALL, LONDON

coming forward.

**EXHIBITIONS** 

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford, where Talking Heads was having its try-out engagement. "It just happens all to have come at once."

The present venture stems from a one-off charity performance at the Playhouse Theatre last year, in which lan McKellen read Bennett's monologue, followed by a benefit at Chichester in September, which found Patricia Routledge reprising her two monologues for the stage. framed by Routledge's two solo turns with the playwright himself in between: "A sandwich with the ham in the middle," laughs Bennett.

His self-deprecation notwithstanding, the performance serves to re-acquaint audiences with several of Bennett's most notable characters, including Routledge's obsessive Irene Ruddock -'If the hearse drivers must smoke, then facilities should be provided," she says sternly. describing a trip to a cremastint as the timid mother's boy. Graham, in the quietly devastating A Chip in the

The form is very much the same," Bennett says of his theatrical Talking Heads, comparing them to the sixpart series recorded for the BBC in 1987. "I haven't done anything to the text except to try and make it easier to do them all in one setting."

ennett has described his monologues as "strippeddown versions of short stories," and he views his present assignment as that of "a story-teller, rather than an actor in a play. It's quite hard to define exactly what you're doing. You're telling a story, relating events. and yet at the same time

"You're building a bridge out over the void, and if you stop speaking, there are no other actors to help you out. That's the practical difference: if you forget your words. it's a disaster. I quite regular-

young turks of French cin-ema in the Fifties first dis-credited the "cinema of quality" in the pages of

quality" in the pages of Cahiers du cinema, then

went ahead to demonstrate

that, given a chance, they could knock Carné and his

The tradition of artists turning critic and critics turning artist is not un-known in the field of paint-

ing and sculpture — it goes back at least to the 16th century with Vasari and his

Lives of contemporary artists

resentful non-artists that when visual artists take up the pen they tend to prove quite unfairly articulate in

words. Things do not seem to

work so smoothly the other way round, so it is quite surprising to discover how

many people involved in the arts, as critics, curators, deal-

fellows into a cocked hat.

ly dry, but I somehow manage to keep going and take the audience with me."

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Indeed, the Guildford run was marked by several memory-related spasms which Bennett ascribes to his familiar fear "of appearing on stage. which I continue to do rather against my better judgement. Apart from forgetting the words, the problem is you can't at any point relax as you would in an ordinary play."

Still, one imagines the actor on some levels savouring nightly the psychological acumen of the author. "Acting these pieces, you can tell if there are any spare words, and you find yourself surprised by the laughs, as well. It's all very intense, which I think it needs to be."

How does the experience compare to film work such as Ashenden? Again, the "live" aspect of the stage is paramount "That's different, because on TV or film, if you forget the words, then that's all right. I don't mean to harp on this issue, but it is the actor's nightmare, and once you are relieved of that, then your attitude changes comp-

Julie Walters, Maggie Smith, Thora Hird and Stephanie Cole were the other television participants in Talking Heads, and Bennett thinks they might be tempted to re-do their work for the stage if the present engagement goes well. Routledge, for her part, admits to some early hesitation about making the shift, even though she describes Bennett's two monologues, written specifically for her, as "the greatest compliment one could be

The first, A Woman Of No Importance, written in 1981, marked Bennett's inaugural attempt at the monologue form, and Routledge rememthe tele-play to the theatre. "Alan had wanted me to do mine on stage for some time," she recalls. "But I was always diffident about transferring a concentrated, boxed-in experience to a stage and sharing



it with a live audience who would respond with such things as laughter. The thing is, you still have to keep yourself contained within the character; you cannot behave as if you are a stand-up comic. It's not a matter of much as it is of getting people to eavesdrop on you."

That quality of eavesdropping is central to Bennett's achievement, which humanises sad, ordinary lives and finds a quality of grace as well

Of No importance, I just wanted to hear this woman talking, and that's how it happened," says Bennett, down-playing the extraordinary act of empathy which

the monologues represent Playing other roles in his own work, such as Anthony Blunt on stage in the 1988 A Question of Attribution, Bennett confesses to a "slight reluctance because I always feel I'm me; even with a wig

Did that out him off tack-

ling Graham Whittaker in A. Chip In The Sugar? Once again, modesty prevails. "Not really," he decides. "I've always wanted to do what because I felt I could play them as well as anyone else." ● Talking Heads previews from tomorrow at the Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, London SWI (071-867 1045) and opens on

RECORDS: OPERA

# Rich rewards of rediscovery

he current revival of Xerces at the Coliseum may remind one that there are three dozen other Handel operas out there. none of which has been produced by a major British. company since the tercentenary year of 1985. Happily that will soon change, when a Handel cycle begins in the new theatre at Glyndebourne. Meanwhile the riches of this repertory are being sumptuously laid out on record, not least by Rene Jacobs, already responsible for several of the best recordings of baroque opera, including a Handel Flavio. To this he adds a Ginlio Cesare that is typically luscions and lively. and that is so, again typically, because with him the voices

come first. Of course this is one of Handel's most splendid orchestral scores, and utterly splendid it sounds here, with magnificent royal horns, a gorgeously winding solo violin, a bewitching ensemble played by the muses in the masque-vision Cleopatra creates to ensuare Caesar, and all through the naturalness. grace and agility that period instruments can pull out, besides some amazing turns of speed in what is generally a ficet performance. But every thing is as if bent to and around the singing. It is from the voices that the arias seem to take their speed, their spark and their drive, and the recitatives have a caressing accompaniment, with warm gamba, often prominent lute tones and sensuously spread chords. In its voice-centredness and its improvisatory lightness, the performance has an expressive immediacy one might have thought more Monteverdi's than Handel's None of this could be

happening without voices that can live up to the demands of Handel's music, and of his characters. These do. And with everyone a star, it is hard to know where to begin the praise. Marianne Retholm is spectacularly exciting as the juvenile hero Sesto ("L'angue offeso", in Act II, is a real show-stopper), but then Bernards Fink is full of grandeur and plangency as the grieving widow Cornelia. Meanwhile Jennifer Larmore as Caesar and Barbara Schlick as Cleopatra make a

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wonderful pair of resplendent egoists, with Larmore here sounding sometimes strikingly masculine, over a range of colour from trumpet to cor anglais, and Schlick casting silver over Cleopatra's snake's path. Their final duet is one of the recording's glories.

There are, though, so many others. Furio Zarasi is beautifully sympathetic as Achilla. the only low line among the leads, and a man doing the wrong deeds for the right reason Dominique Visse ases his extraordinary singing to snap Cleopada's snooty, shifty cumuch into life. It even seems right that Prolemy's voice, as contributed by the counter-tenor Derek Lee Ragin. should be prone to break into baritone, like a mask slipping. Altogether this is an outstanding achievement arryone still doubting the pleasures and power of Handel as an opera composer should start here.

The Rodelinda from another German ensemble, La Stagione of Frankfurt, is not quite on the same level of astonishment, partly because the work is not, though it certainly has its marvels. The plot is of the niore usual kind, with jost six pancipals caught up in the opera seria never-never land of deviousness, disguise and unbridled lust for sex and power, whereas Giulio Cesare has a greater range of character and of musical dramatic resource.

Barbara Schlick produces more bright, easy tone as the heroine, though she rarely quite reaches the top gear of her Cleopaira. The tenor Christoph Pregardien also sounds under par, making his usual lovely fresh sound. runs. However, the countertenor David Cordier gives a fine performance as the suffering hero, excellently sustaining his tone through his several slow arias, and for this seductive pathos alone the recording justifies itself.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

## Tribute to director

FAMILY and friends of the

director Tony Richardson commemorated his recent death and the 25th anniversary of his film, The Charge of the Light Brigade, yesterday with a special showing of the Sixties film at the Curzon in London. Neil Hartley, the producer, and Richardson's former wife, Vanessa Redgrave, spoke briefly was fore the screening, which was attended by many members of the cast, the Woodfall production team — and the great era of British cinema.

#### Favoured first

GORDON Burn's novel Alma Cogan is emerging as the punters favourite to win the Whitbread Book of the Year this week Bookmakers William Hill are giving odds of 5 to 4 for the book winner in the Whitbread first novel category — to take the £20,500 first prize when the judging is announced tomorrow. John Richardson's biography. A Life of Picasso, is

second favourite at 9 to 4, while third favourite is Jane Gardam's The Queen of the Tambourne, winner in the novel category, with odds of 4 to 1. Duna Hendry's children's notel, Harvey Angell, is at 6 to 1 and Michael Longley's poetry volume, Gorse Figs, is at 7 to 1.

#### Last chance . . .

THIS is the week at Stratford when the Royal Shakespeare Company (0789 295623) throws its farewell parties and forgetful punters scramble for last-minute tickets. Romeo. Caesar and Twelfth Night all come to an end, but the pick of the main-thearre offerings is on Saturday, with Robert Stephens a sly, sober Falstaff in Henry IV Parts One and Two. At the Swan, Shake-speare's rarely performed Iwo Gentlemen, Ford's Tis. Pity She's a Whore and Adrian Noble's staging of Sophocles's Theban Tology are well worth catching

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John Russell Taylor reviews two shows of work made by professional art critics



When snipers venture into the firing line

Fruit Tree at Cartoceto Marche by William Packer their own pleasure, painting

or taking photographs. So it is even more unexpected that the organisers of two new exhibitions have turned up quite so many critics willing to display their

talents in public. Admittedly, of the three national art critics responsible for the Critic's Landscapes at Cadogan Contemporary, two

— William Packer of The Financial Times and Giles

Auty of The Spectator — were well known as painters be-fore they took up criticism, though William Feaver of The Observer has only just been persuaded to haul his painting sideline out of the closet closet. The critics in Artists in the

Arts at The Gallery at John Jones — Sarah Kent and Timothy Hyman — have also been recognised before as occasional artists. Kent, for instance, has appeared rather unexpectedly as a photographer of the male nude, though in this show she proffers photography-based abstractions.

People who paint in glass houses should not, perhaps, throw stones. But people who throw stones for a living must be credited at least with courage if they expose their own efforts to retaliation

from the walking wounded.

None of the three criticslandscapists is particularly aggressive in print, but they all make it perfectly clear how little regard they have for the excesses of Concep-tualism, and Auty and Packer in particular hold up in their writing an alternative of solid academic training and tradition-based craftsmanship in time-honoured media.

time and energy to write criticism at all. Feaver is more of an unknown quantity, but since he has written a book about the pitmen painters of Ashington, it seems reasonable that in his own art he favours a similar kind of sober observation. The art is certainly consis-tent with the criticism. That will not necessarily save it from the darts of embittered

and Packer practice exactly what they preach, working with quiet, well-disciplined talent. If the talent were a

little less disciplined they probably would not have

competitors. For my part, except for cartography, I have never evinced any noticeable skill as a draughtsman, so I cannot put myself on the line in this way, and have always had to field indignant enquiries as to how I dare criticise people for not doing well enough those things which I cannot

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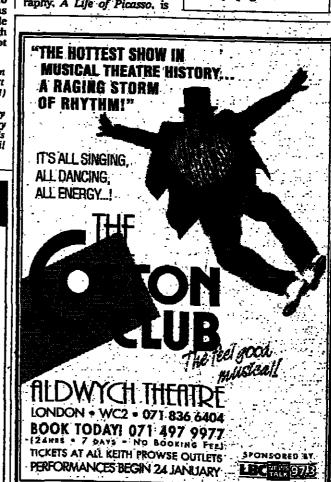
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Are the neo-Victorians stifling women's sexuality? Charles Bremner meets a champion of the female erotic daydream

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t is morning in the flowerdecked tearoom of one of those expensive little Park Avenue hotels. The young waitress, dressed in dainty pre-war style, is tinkering nervously with the china when Nancy Friday, strong-voiced and assertive, moves from masturbation to the matter of female hist. Sometimes it's just nice to be held down and done to, at least in fantasy, and sometimes in reality for

THE WAY

The waitress is already backing away when Ms Friday continues: But nowadays women are just as likely to say in the next breath, 'And sometimes I like to imagine overpowering him, pinning him down." At this, the waitress flees to serve an elderly couple a safe distance away.

Chatting loudly about the more lurid landscapes of the female psyche is a normal morning's work for Ms Friday, a chronicler of the subject since 1973 when she published My Secret Garden, the first of three best-sellers on women's and men's fantasies. Tall, blonde, and looking a decade

younger than her 53 years, Ms Friday is on the road once again with a new message: 20 years women hesistantly confided their dreams of sexfemales have thrown guilt to the winds and are revelling in outlook that reflects their new power in

Her new book, Women On Top, whose paperback reaches

twentysomething age group. It contains little to comfort the bruised egos of American men. In chapters with headings such as "Insanable Women", Ms Friday presents ex-cerpts from some 12,000 letters and interviews with women who re-sponded to her request for their private desires.

Shrinking violets, these women are not, at least in their imaginations. Housewives, lawyers, businesswomen, students "and secretaries — they write almost uniformly in the steamy language of graphic

"Vast appetites are revealed, hungers that rise far above anything a woman could handle in reality Women today feel they have a right to everything that until recently they could not even admit to thinking about," Ms Friday says. They do it with repairmen, with masses of other women, with husbands best friends, with a shopful of electrical appliances, and in one unintentionally hilarious epic, with a bashful gorilla. The initiative is always theirs, and sometimes they exercise it with a glee that might weaken the knees of even the Manquis de Sade.

"I am the slave-mistress," says Wendy, a 25-year-old executive assistant who wants "to make them hurt so bad that they pray for death". For gun-wielding Linda, aged 26, the idea is to lock up a man in a cupboard for days, letting him out just to satisfy her sexual desires. Less gothic is Cassie, a corporate executive, who is aroused by the idea of forcefully subduing her business rival "and making firm but tender

love to him". This anger and aggression, says Ms Friday in her copious com-mentary, is all part of the new American female. "Take that" they

say, using their erotic muscle to seduce or subdue anyone or anything that stands in the way of

As her many critics point out, this is hardly a scientific sample and Ms Friday is a self-appointed expert with no psychology training, but through her celebrity she does act as a clearing house for anonymous women who want to go public with

their thoughts.
"I was just bowied over daily by how much women's sexual fantasies had changed," she says, "I was working on my novel about a yearand-a-half ago and women were stopping me on the street, almost literally saying, when are you going to do it, write another book?. "I thought people should hear

these women's voices because they said something terribly important mostly that our erotic fantasies do change as our real lives change."

A decade ago, all this would have sounded pretty humdrum. After all, female sexuality had gone public with the women's movement and there was surely little left to be said

after the deluge of sex manuals. Cosmo articles (the magazine Ms Friday worked for in the late stream of novels that followed Erica Jong's Fear of Flying. But Ms Friday's

new outpouring extreme confusion in matters sexual in America. On the one hand, the culture is wallpapered with sex", as Ms Friday puts it, with near naked fashions and bare bodies being used to sell every-

Britain in March, is a collection of thing from ice-cream to computers. sexual daydreams mainly from the On the other side, the culture is in the grip of a backlash, a return to puritanism in sexual matters, which holds that "nice girls don't" and casts men in the role of predators.

> ew Victorianism, as it is being called, is preached by both extremes of the political spectrum, temporarily united in an unholy alliance. From one extreme come the "politically correct" thinkers who dominate the academic world and the women's movement, people such as Kathleen McKinnon, the activist ver. Patricia Ireland, the new head of the National Organisation of Women, and Andrea Dworkin, the writer. (These women, Ms Friday says scornfully, "will only be happy when women can impregnate women and men can lactate".) From the other extreme are the traditional conservatives. Republicans such as Pat Buchanan and women commentators such as Suzanne Fields. who preach motherhood and monogamy and believe that sexual liberation was a disaster which merely enabled men to inflict suffer-

In this climate, as the furore over the cases of Clarence Thomas and William Kennedy Smith showed, the mere discussion of female sexual fantasy has become a political minefield. Ms Friday belongs firmly in another school of feminists, the ones who see sexuality as a source of female power and a liberating force. Her sisters in this movement include Madonna, the neo-feminist Camille Paglia and most of the writers in popular womens' magazines. omen, Ms Friday says, are threatened with repression, the loss of their hard-won right to wield their sexual power and a return to the dark ages where they will retain their eco-



nomic power yet be deprived of their "We really are acting sexuality. "We really are acting today like a bunch of Victorians in a

There was, for example, something very Victorian in the prurient way the country sat glued to the Thomas hearings, expressing both distaste and fascination for Anita Hill's talk of the dimensions of the judge's sexual organs. Friday bemoans the role of the "PCs" in leading the backlash: "They have a great deal of influence, which is why you have so many angry young women and so much emphasis on this business of date rape, which sets up every man as an incipient attacker just waiting for the right

moment to pounce," she says. "They want to return women to the old times. They want to tell women what is politically correct to think. That's like telling people what's correct to dream. They're setting up a bloody police state. It's so recent that women feel its okay to imagine things and now they want

to limit women's lives." Ms Friday makes much of the paradox that the politically correct movement is playing into the hands of the patriarchal masters it reviles. "Some part of the male mind is saying, Well at least these strident, deballing feminists are putting us in a powerful position. That's not a bad

position to be in after we've been wimps for the past 20 years. Let's at least buy it and see what it feels

Needless to say, Ms Friday is being bashed by the women journalists and thinkers whose ideas she deplores. Margaret Carlson, in Time magazine, for example, dismissed Women On Top as "ridiculous, repetitive and boring ... having the effect of an affidavit rather than an aphrodisiac".

here has been much snipover "psychobabble" she uses to explain women's yearnings, drawing mainly on the power of mothers over their daughters, a theme Ms Friday wrote about in her best-seller: My Mother Myself. Some critics have accused her of fabricating the graphic fantasies she recounts. She switches into an angry defence, ascribing the criticism to jealousy and a lingering refusal among experts to accept that women

fantasise at all. "It's sheer envy," she says of the academic critics. "I wouldn't want a PhD if they gave it to me because it would limit the way I like to write. I want to talk to people in a voice that makes people recognise themselves. So many people write and say, 'Oh my God, until I read your book I

thought I was some weirdo, a freak of nature."

Ms Friday, a southerner from the has had no children. sees herself as "the complete feminist, because I think women are the powerful ones. We are the ones who bear the children and raise them. Most of men's ideas and feelings about their sexuality come from the women who raised them." There is nothing remotely unfeminist about her, she says.

She is now working on an update of her work on male fantasies, a field which she said has been as much neglected as those of women. Men have reason to be confused, she concedes, because women seem to want to be seducers and also to savour the old pleasures of passivity in the hands of an expert male. "You want to feel you're totally being taken care of. Part of that swept away feeling is not having to say, 'Hey, George, a little more to the left

Men should realise that the demanding new women in her book are voicing only fantasies, not wishes. She does, however, urge women not to divulge their dreams to their mates. "Your partner may be left with the knowledge that when the two of you are making love, you might be fantasising about three of

# An unmoving picture show

Fear of damage means that many masterpieces will never be moved

ill the era of block-buster exhibitions, bringing together outstanding examples of a master's work, soon come to an end? This prospect has been drawn nearer by the National Gallery's unwillingness to lend its finest Mantegna to the Royal Academy's retrospective survey of his

The painting, The Agony in the Garden, is more than 500 years old, and particularly fragile because it is painted on wood rather than canvas. Nevertheless, it is only a short distance across central London from the gallery to the Royal Academy and one might think it could could come to no harm.

Conservators, who exert an increasingly powerful influence, argue that distance is not the issue. After all, the exhibition devoted to Gericault at the Grand Palais in Paris last autumn could not borrow his most outstanding masterpiece, The Raft of the Medusa, from the Louvre. The enormous painting began to deteriorate soon after Géricault's death in 1824, and the Louvre was simply not prepared to risk damaging it with the slightest

Even a painting completed as recently as Annigoni's por-trait of the Queen is forbidden to travel from the Fishmongers' Company in the City to an exhibition, at the Victoria & Albert museum, celebrating the 40th anniversary of her reign.

Fishmongers' refusal takes Lon a more alarming significance if this painting is deemed unfit for lending. what about all the other 20th century pictures which will be needed as loans in the future?

The rise of conservators is largely responsible for this development. As they discover more about how paintings were made, so their reluctance to disturb the objects' equilibrium grows. would never, nowadays, even consider loans which museums once permitted.

When the Royal Academy mounted a survey of Italian art in 1930, the Uffizi in Florence was prepared to send over its most famous single painting, Botticelli's The Birth of Venus. Such a loan would be inconceivable today. The Uffizi, which owns an important triptych by Mantegna as well as the exquisite little Madonna of the Stonecutters has not lent either of them to the acade-

The Ca'd'Oro in Venice turned down the academy's request for a late, harrowing picture of St Sebastian riddled with arrows. And, most

lery in Milan refused to lend one of Mantegna's most widely admired works: the Dead Christ, lying on a slab. I hope that my forebodings

prove too pessimistic. Temporary exhibitions are indispensable to understanding any prominent artist whose works would otherwise be too widely dispersed to assess them properly. It is likely, however, that the age of the truly comprehensive retrospective is almost over. Last year, the largest exhibition ever devoted to the post-Impressionist Georges Seurat was staged in Paris. None of his titanic canvasses was able to make the trip. The Grande Jatte remained in Chicago, the Poseurs in Phil-



A still life: the Grande adelphia and the Baignade in London. So the show's organisers were reduced to displaying full-size black and white photographs of the missing masterpleces.

On March 26, the National Gallery will open an important exhibition of Rembrandt and his workshop. Organised in collaboration with Berlin's Gemäldegalerie and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, it is an attempt to bring together the best array of Rembrandt's work. But only 51 paintings by the master are included. His most celebrated images. The Nightwatch and The Jewish Bride are not being sent over here from The Netherlands. They will never travel again; and by the end of this century, an array of other great paint-ings will also find themselves forbidden to move.

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"There is no law that requires any member of the **Shadow Cabinet to** know anything about their subject, but I have been steeped in education since childhood."

Jack Straw and his sister are members of a teaching dynasty. The TES talks to them, and their mother, this Friday.



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# Dancing in the footsteps of Lolita

PURE coincidence, of course, that the televised version of Melvyn Bragg's novel A Time To Dance should be running just as the literati are agog over the new biography of Vladimir Nabo-kov. Either event might have provoked no more than a sigh. Together, they rate a

Nabokov's "masterpiece" is, of course, Lolita. This "tuminous work of genius". as some waffler called it on the radio, is better known than most modern classics since it is about sex. The sex is between a middle-aged academic, Humbert Hum-

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Is Melvyn Bragg following the old, exploitive path of Nabakov?

bert, and a girl who is, I read it at 15 and found it disgusting, years later, since so many critics praised it, I tried again. It proved clever, subtle, and still disgusting. Not even Humbert's assur-ances that his Lolo was a knowing minx can disguise the fact that the book is

a celebration of a grown man's wholly predatory relationship with a child. Humbert comes to a bad end, yet the authorial tone (compounded by his technical skill) has beyond doubt given comfort to generations of paedophiles. I may never be invited on to the literary pages again, but here goes: Lolita is a book I refuse to

have in the house. And so to Melvyn Bragg's far lesser offence in A Time To Dance. As Sunday viewers know, it deals with the "love" between a workingclass schoolgiri and a retired bank manager with a taste for fell-walking. The book is a curious amalgam of Hampstead hand-wringing about self-discovery, and stuff about G-strings and "firm tanned flesh".

The law is appeased

because Bernadette is 18,

and the creepiest, most

Humbertish touch occurs when the banker types out a schedule of seduction on his word processor while his sick wife lies upstairs. Lolita is echoed in the ingenuous assurance that the child made the first move. "She seduced me." Humbert wrote and, "You taught me, you the child, I the adult,"

EVEN disregarding the fact that "She led me on, guv" is the paedophile excuse most familiar to examining policemen, there is an uncanny similarity here. It excuses the man, implicates the child. and - like the facade of "art" makes it acceptable for chaps in middle age to dream

says Bragg's hero.

about sex with schoolgirls. So does the fact — gloat ingly overplayed in the BBC film — that Bernadette was raped. Having also lost her one adult friend, a kind teacher, she needs a wise old fellow to "heal" her. How convenient. Never mind that the last thing a lonely rape victim needs is another dose of sexual predation, however disguised.

But why carp? Where's the harm in another fictional old romance is accorded a happy ending? Real-life men run off with bimbos: why pick on I suppose because in real

life we know what we are seeing: something sad, some-thing probably doomed, cer-tainly selfish, and rarely good for the girl or for her future. more equal, love affairs. We are seeing girls who need mentors being palmed off with neurotic satyrs, and learning to believe that their main value lies in their transiently youthful bodies.

Even if they offer sex, they need not be taken up on that desperate, humble offer, not at 18, anyway. But add a bit of arty soft-focus and it looks fine. To men, at least. So to hell with art. Myself,

I go along with George Orwell's line on Salvador Dali's paintings of rotting women. "The worst crimes." he says robustly, "are not always the punishable ones. By encouraging necrophilic reveries one probably does quite as much harm as by, say, picking pockets at the races ... Dali is a good draughtsman, and a disgust-

ing human being."
Well, that is a bit harsh for nice Mr Bragg: but you get the drift. No. a mild corrective snarl does no harm this week: no harm at all. I feel a lot better.

LIBBY PURVES

# Questionable intentions

Party manifestos are bland but can bite the bearer, says Peter Riddell

loved, derided and little read. But, for better or worse, they set much of the political agenda. They are taken

seriously by the politicians who write them and, as important, by the civil servants who help to implement them. The decisions being taken now on the party manifestos will determine large parts of the Queen's Speeches up to the mid-1990s.

Superficially, manifestos seem full of bland generalisations and empty pieties. Even the titles are meaningless. Which parties were responsible at the last general election, for example, for The Next Moves Forward, Britain Will Win (previously used in October 1974). and Britain United? (The Tories, Labour and the then Alliance respectively.) Only the Conservative party in 1945 with Mr Churchill's Declaration of Policy to the Electors offered precision. Yet manifestos now contain a though party leaders seek to avoid saying anything that can be seized upon by oppo-

Their real im-pact is made after 'Thatcher was elections. As David able to Butler argues in his British Genforce through eral Elections since 1945: "The the poll tax civil service prepares briefs on how because the policies are to be carried out; the it had been a House of Lords accepts that it must manifesto not frustrate the enactment of a spepledge' cific manifesto pledge endorsed by

a clear election result: and party activists cite the manifesto in attempts to prevent their pragmatic leaders from

Take three examples from Labour's move into office in 1964. The eager Tony Benn handed Sir Ronald German, director-general of the Post Office, a copy of Labour's manifesto. "He picked it up with a look of infinite disgust and carried it out of the office with two fingers," Benn recorded in his diaries. "Later I shall examine him on it to see if he noticed the many points in it that relate to the work

New ministers were less sure what to do in other departments. to housing after the election, discovered that, even though Lab-our had been committed for five years to repealing the Tories' rent aws, there was only one slim sheaf of notes from Michael Stewart (the shadow spokesman) on how to do it. "Everything else has to be thought up on the spot."

Richard Marsh, parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of Labour, was presented with a civil service analysis of the Labour manifesto, together with costings running into hundreds of millions of pounds a year and the advice that he consult his colleagues about whether they really wanted to go ahead with the whole programme. Douglas Houghton, co-ordinator of the government's social policies, replied: "If I were you, my boy, I'd forget about the manifesto and do as much as you can on roughly the same lines."

## RIDDELL ON MONDAY

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But it is not always possible to forget manifesto promises. Margaret Thatcher was able to force through the poll tax in place of domestic rates, in spite of the strong doubts of Nigel Lawson and John Major, because she argued that it had been a specific manifesto pledge.

Mrs Thatcher relied on the idea of the mandate, the alleged endorsement for a party's full programme if it wins an election. Taken literally this is nonsense. Very few elections are fought on a single matter and voters cannot pick and choose what items in a manifesto to back or to oppose. They have to make a broader choice between general programmes and teams of ministers. As Sir Ivor Jennings argued: "The doctrine of the mandate is part of the political cant. It is a stick used by the Opposition to beat the

government." was first widely used by the Tories to oppose Gladstone's Irish home rule legislation in 1886 and then in 1909-11 the constitutional crisis to justify votes by the House of Lords against proposals which the Liberals had not included in their previous mani-The real ques-

tion is of balance, not of doctrine. While, in theory, governments with secure Commons majorities are free to run the country and then be assessed on their overall performance at a general election, this can never be an absolute licence. Voters have a right to require at least a rough guide to future intentions from the parties.

This does not rule out new initiatives, though governments should not seek to introduce a big change that they have previously ruled out without seeking the approval of voters for it. That was Baldwin's view in calling the 1923 election on the question of protection. Of course, circumstances change and demand difreplacing the poll tax by the council tax, the Tories have taken this to bizarre extremes by repealing within the life of one par-

liament the legislative centrepiece

of its first session. The danger is that promises are hurriedly made, inadequately thought out, and are too specific to allow for changed circumstances. In this light, John Smith has been as precise as is reasonable about his tax plans; no party, certainly not the Tories before 1979, set out more details of post-election tax changes. But that is irrelevant electorally. Having successfully knocked Labour off balance over weaknesses in the party's spending plans and their tax implications, the Tories will be redoubling their punches this week. But then, in the battle of the manifestos, my sensible prudence about future plans

is your devious evasion.

## Matthew d'Ancona on a literary lifeline opening between Britain and the former Soviet states aying one's hands on a copy of Emma in Moscow is no Emma goes East

deasy task. Only a handful of stores sell foreign-language books. and most of those are antediluvian technical manuals or language primers bristling with Soviet Newspeak. Even the renowned Library for Foreign Literature cannot keep pace with the demand for books in English, the former Soviet Union's second language. Moscow is a grim city for admirers of Austen's

genteel prose.

This is why Iris Murdoch and John Bayley promised over the weekend to donate a copy of Emma to Book Aid, the new charity that is holding a national appeal this week for books to send to the old Soviet Union. Stephen Spender said he would donate Raymond Monk's biography of Wittgenstein and Lord Bonham-Carter promised to hand in a pile of books, including Stuart Hood's Questions of Broadcasting. Anita Brookner pledged her collection of Nabokov, and Shusha Guppy her travel books. The Welsh National Opera promised half a truckload of opera books, and Index on Censorship donated all its back Michael Frayn's more recent issues and subscriptions for the

Around the country, stores taking part in the appeal reported that books were already being brought in by the boxful. They expect to be further inundated this week as readers of The Times take up the opportunity to reduce the piles of novels cluttering up the landing, the shelves of children's books kept only for sentimental reasons, and the extra copy of The Famished Road someone got for

Christmas. (Full details page 6.) What cultural nerve has Book Aid struck? The campaign certainbuilds on strong historical foundations, a tradition of Anglo-Russian literary dialogue and exchange that can be traced from George Turberville's doggerel Poems Describing Russia. completed in 1568, via Pasternak's fascination with Shakespeare, to translations of Chekhov. Anglophilia so gripped Russian literary society during and after the reign of Catherine the Great that even today Russians boast they know the works of Dickens better than the English.

But if Book Aid is part of a distinguished cultural tradition, it is also a charity for its times. The cold war may be over, but the demand around the world for uncorrupted, up-to-date texts is as great as for immediate material needs. In the countries of Eastern Europe, the Jan Hus educational foundation and the Central and East European Publishing Project continue to provide texts and support publications in fields where demand is strong but resources are few. Soon, Operation Artslift will do the same for Romania. In Sri Lanka, the Civil Rights Movement has established

ings on the value of dissent into Sinhala and Tamil. Once a symbol of embattled human rights, the book is becoming an emblem of opportunity, empowerment and

Book Aid's objective, therefore, is not to provide the Russian chattering classes with coffee-table books, but to contribute to the intellectual infrastructure of the new Commonwealth of Independent States. The need is for technical and medical manuals as much as for poetry, biographies and novels, so in a curious sense this campaign is fiercely practical rather than bookish.

But why send books to the old Soviet Union? Many other countries, for example in the Third World, need aid of this kind. The answer is that in few other parts of the world has writing been so central to national culture and yet

is the terrible paradox of 20th-century Russian intellectual life: that a towering literary nation also spawned one of the most effective censorship machines in history.

In the Soviet Union, literacy meant the encouragement of uniformity rather than phuralism. The control of literature, as one censor put it, was "a service which carried out state politics in print", and one that taught people not to doubt, thereby to forget the verbal traffic of dehate and dissent.

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Now, a society long silenced by ruthless propaganda and what-Pasternak called "the tyranny of the glittering phrase" is learning to talk and write freely again. So desperate is the need for books and so meagre the supply of hard currency that when one Siberian librarian was presented with a selection of Book Aid titles in Moscow, she burst into tears. This week. Book Aid offers the British reading public the chance to put its literary surplus to excellent use and bring Jane Austen, along with more mundane but essential modern works, to the Muscovite,

# Tyranny's meanest breed

The annals of

Eastern evil are throwing up fresh victims, finds

#### Bernard Levin

t was Karl Marx who said: "A spectre is haunting communism"; the hairy old fraud would have a nasty shock if he could come back and see a Europe, and not only Europe, so thoroughly scoured by the exor-cists that the only remaining marxist willing to answer to the name is Professor Terence ("call me Terry") Eagleton, who has just been appointed a Professor of English (at Oxford, a hundred years behind the times as usual). But there is another ghostly figure hovering over Europe, and however much holy water is sprinkled on it, I fear that it will be

many years before it is laid to rest. Before the Berlin Wall came down and Germany was one again (and free again), control of the East German population was in the hands of the secret police. acronymically called the Stasi. The Stasi was the East German state: responsible only to the politburo. anyone they accused out of a job or into prison, with no possible redress from a law that existed only to reinforce such decrees.

Some idea of the ubiquitous nature of the Stast's activities may be gained by the knowledge of the quantities of dossiers it held; these, now in the hands of a democratic Germany, amounted to fifty miles of shelving. (On a whim, I tried to work out how many files of suspects the Stasi held; if the average was half an inch thick many, presumably, held only a few pages, which would make room for the more heavily persecuted victims — it was 6,336,000, almost exactly one-third of the population of East Germany, men, women, children and babies.)

Evidently it is not only in Shakespeare that increase of appetite had grown by what it fed on. But the opening of the Stasi files has



any haunted house could hold.

committed crimes, including murder (for instance those who shot innocents trying to get across the border), perjury, false imprisonment, and many more. Prosecutions have started in the worse cases (yes, we are hearing the obeying orders"), and it will be a long time before all those dreadful accounts are rendered. But there is a twilight zone between deepdyed wickedness and innocence. wherein lives the informer.

The informer has always been a figure to shun, and it is not difficult to shun him, because he prefers the shadow to the light. A good case can be made for him; many a crime would go unpunished if it were not for the informer with his phone call or his note. There is another, lower, level of the informer's Hades; the criminal who informs in a bargain with the

loosed spectres more terrible than any haunted house could hold.

First, obviously, the documents there is the one which induces the provocateur, (It was A.P. Herbert, in one of his Misleading Cases, who pointed out that there was no English word for it, so abhorrent is

> the very notion in Britain.) Totalitarianism spawned the kind of informer who fetched up in the Stasi files as doing his totalitarian duty. But what did the informer think he was doing?

There are a good many answers to that question, and we might as well go through the lot, starting with the least culpable and the most agonised. This is the man or woman who is told by the powers of evil to inform, on pain of punishment - all employment barred, a child taken away for ever (that was Frau Honecker's contribution — she thought of the idea and put it into practice), even a ration card withheld. Many brave men and women in East Germany faced that terrible bargain and

rejected it, well knowing what the consequences would be how would you answer? The rule must for cowardice unless we are certain that we would have been brave in their place. Very well; some refused, some

accepted. Let us move on to the next position. Inform, and you get promotion in your job; you will be allowed to buy a car; you can travel abroad; a bigger flat awaits you. In other words, we have changed from threats to bribes. Think about it; we live wrenchedly, we shall never get another chance to live better, the Stasi would have got the information somewhere else anyway. Temptation is a terrible thing, succumbing to it easy; even easier is self-deception.

How harsh should we be? Remember, you are not in peaceful, free Britain, but in a hell of brutality and lies. Is the crime so bad? Sub specie aeternitatis, can we be damned for it? Here the rule, expounded above, axe: before it falls, let me step into: the witness-box for a moment. When I condemned Kurt Waldnein: I took great care to discover whether, if he had resisted evil, he would have fallen under attainder, and only when I was sore that the answer was no did I denounce. him. Now, how do you rate the example of the people above, and

yourselves in their place?
The mark is getting thicker. For the Stasi files, to which any former East German may now, under supervision, have access, contain much more than evidence of criminal acts, and in a sense it is the lesser activities that induce the greatest horror. For the efficient Stasi, like efficient secret police forces the world over, whenever they opened a file on a suspected dissident, added to the papers the name of the man or woman who

here is Pandora now. to shut her, box and lock it? For now it is escaping, but hideous monsters. for speaking III of Brezhnev, it was Onkel Lothar who tipped off the was sacked precipitately from her Hermann, the spurned suitor, had told the Stasi that she had a collection of harmed books and pamphlets. Who now will look with the same eyes on that neighbour who informed on his son. and who can forgive the colleague who worked for years as a spy-inoffice for the Stasi?

Already, families have broken apart under the revelations: there have been suicides; many who are entitled to inspect their files have\_ refused, for fear of what - or whom — they might find there. Set beside this tragic story, the categories of informer are hardly worth discussing. Perhaps opening the files was not such a good idea after all; have you ever noticed that "revolution" is only two letters away from "revelation"? "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free": would St John have been so confident if he had seen the Stasi papers in time, with "Iscarior" written on the file?

#### ...and moreover MATTHEW PARRIS

nder the headline "Rock
'n' roller finds God" The
Times last week reported
the very late conversion of
Jack Good.

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Remember Jack Good, "the man who scandalised post-war middle-class Britain by in-troducing rock 'n' roll to the television screen'? His photograph was in the paper along with the report. "Almost over-night, Good steered a generainnocent lyrics of The Laughing Policeman and Davy Crockett (King of the Wild Frontier). subjecting them to young men with gyrating hips who sang of young love, tight jeans and fast cars." It seems that Good "is to become a hermit in a Carmelite monastery in west Texas"

I'm sorry, but it won't do. How dare he lead us all astray and then jump ship? And Good is only the latest in a famous series of sinners who have turned traitors to Mammon. Such people lead the charge against the virtuous life, and then, as the rest of us gallop headlong into the valley of sin, change their minds, step quietly aside, and watch mankind thunder past to

If I'm going to perdition, I insist that Mr Good comes too. I remember (just) his programme Six-Five Special. I remember Teddy Boys on TV. I remember the young men with gyrating hips. I wore the tight jeans. I yearned for the fast cars. These things changed me. Along with some 20 million other young Britons I heard the argument against piety and I was convinced. I saw the permissive society and I was impressed. And for me there is no return There were serious arguments beneath the tinsel which it was

Mr Good's career to purvey. Whether or not he understood them himself, I did. I read Bertrand Russell and was per-spaded. I heard Malcolm Muggeridge and was recruited . . . Aha. Muggeridge. Another lemming who applied the emer-

gency brakes at cliff's edge. Wouldn't a public apology fol-lowed by a lifetime's silence have been in order? Silence, however, is what you never get from these people.

Making a living — and a good one - from being famously naughty, they develop a liking for publicity. The taste for naughtiness fades, but the taste for publicity remains. For those, such as Muggeridge, who have only reached the Interval when they decide that this was not a bedroom farce after all but a morality play, a deft switch is made from being famously naughty to famously nice. This they justify (St Augustine: "Da mihi castitatem et continentiam, sed noli modo" - "Give me chastity and continence, but not yet"), by arguing that the experience of vice has equipped them to go public on the advantages

Germaine Greer even writes books about it. Having led a generation of women, by means of The Female Eunuch, to rebel against monogamy, fidelity and conventional motherhood.

Greer has a new career going on lecture tours explaining why hey all went wrong.

This is rather like marketing wallpaper, then leading a change in fashion away from wallpaper and marketing wallpaper-stripper. You do more than desert one captain and join another: you are the captain, both times. Having raised one army, you leave it under new management and go to war with it, captaining the opposing side. Such men and women spend half their careers constructing the argument which it becomes the second half of their life's work, and income, to destroy. I trust that Dr Spock, the man who convinced millions of parents that children need freedom, took no fee for propagating his later theory that children need discipline.

For those who convert in the final scene of their personal pageant, death rescues them from the horror of losing the public's attention. The curtain comes down before the audience has time to grow bored and leave. My great grandfather. who was a drinker, socialist soap-box orator and sometime pantomime dame, scented the end, became a Roman Catholic. and promptly died.

I promise not to follow his example. My hero remains Bertrand Russell. Asked in old age what he would say, if his lifelong atheism proved mistaken, upon meeting God, Rus-sell replied: But, Lord, you should have given me more

#### Come back, Leon Brittan?

INFORMAL soundings have taken place between London and Brussels about a return to British politics by Sir Leon Brittan. There has been considerable speculation that John Major, if re-elected, will create a minister for European affairs of cabinet rank, and there are few men better qualified.

Brittan, whose term as one of Britain's two EC commissioners ends this year, has kept his political hand in, working hard on the Torv rubber-chicken circuit. Friends say that ever since the Westland affair he has believed he would one day return to British politics, a promise Mrs Thatcher made him at the time.

One Brussels observer says: "He would only be interested if it was a big job. It would have to be a European portfolio with cabinet status which would carry virtually the same weight as the foreign secretary." Brittan would probably do the job from a seat in the Lords.

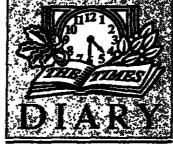
Although Brittan has disagreed with the government on such matters as a common European defence policy, he has skilfully avoided charges of going native. 'He'd never get away with that if he didn't spend so many weekends travelling up and down Britain." Brittan still has a house in his old constituency of Richmond, North Yorkshire, and is a great Dales walker.

"He is only 52, which gives him lots of time to come back. Of course he would love to be president of the commission, but he accepts his politics may not fit the In British circles a return would be widely popular. Peter Luff.

director of the European Move-

ment, says: "He would immensely

strengthen the present govern-



ment and would give the cabinet a great insight into Europe." Lord Bethell, the Tory MEP, says: "He got a raw deal from Mrs Thatcher. With his fine intellect he would be a grand person to have back in the

● Robert Maxwell's former empire is offering ripe pickings for Labour's political rivals. First The European fell into Tory hands, now the Daily Mirror has turned to a leading Liberal Democrat for rescue. Sir Peter Parker sees no conflict between his political allegiance and his position, confirmed yesterday, as chairman of the management consortium seeking to buy MGN. The editor Richard Stott, until now leader of the consortium, has been characteristically blunt about the Mirror's continuing commitment to Labour. But Parker, who stood as a Labour candidate in the 1950s, and enjoyed a close undergraduate relationship with Shirley Williams, is similarly forthright. "I used to be Labour, now I'm Liberal Democrat. There has to be someone that regularly takes the radical position." Could that mean the Mirror fearlessly cam-paigning for the fudge of a hung Parliament? Parker seems to be saying not. "I think the Daily Mirror has a justified and respected point of view."

#### Environmental fallout MANDARINS have joined battle over a successor to Sir Terence

Heiser as permanent secretary at the Department of the Environment. Heiser, who in his career has been rewarded with both a KCB and a GCB (one for inventing the poll tax, say the cynics, the other for disinventing it, retires this year. That no new name has emerged signals fierce in-lighting. The strongest internal can-

didates, Peter Owen, at present on secondment from the DoE to the cabinet office, and deputy-secretary Derek Osborn, are vying for the position. But Michael Heseltine is said to want to break with tradition by looking outside the department. Strongly tipped in Whitehall is Richard Wilson, a deputy secretary at the Treasury.

Hayden Phillips, also at the Treasury, has emerged as a late candidate. Heseltine could also be tempted by some who have served him closely in the past. That could put into the frame Richard Mottram, his former private secretary at the defence ministry, while an outside candidate might be David Edmonds, once a Heseltine private secretary who now manages property for the National Westminster Bank.

#### Artistic licence

ATTEMPTING to prove that a book can be judged by its cover, the artist Lucian Freud has produced a delightful original draw ing of his daughter for the dustket of her first novel.

Hideous Kinky, Esther Freud's first work of fiction, to be published at the end of this month, carries, to paraphrase James Joyce, a portrait of the novelist as a small girl. But the drawing is eatirely new, says the author, and done as a family favour. "My

father drew it recently, specially for my novel, from an old family " she says.

The illustration relates closely to the book in that Freud writes of her own childhood in Morocco in the 1960s through the voice of a



four-year-old. There are no plans for the drawing to appear on the wall of a gallery or even the novelist's own drawing room, "My father has kept the picture so I won't be framing it Its artistic life exists solely as a cover."

Only days after British Steel announced the closure of the Ravenscraig plant it sent details to Lanarkshire schools of its. sponsorship of [O steel-hulledyachts in the forthcoming roundthe world-race. "Educational and supporting materials and activities will be available for both primary and secondary schools to help staff and students join in with the spirit of the British Steel challenge," the promotional leaflet says. Not surprisingly few of the children's parents, facing redun-dancy, feel much like joining th the spirit. The graffito "jobs not yachts" has already been spotial on one playground wall.

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## **VOTING FOR PEACE?**

Israel's shaky government has lost its last prop. Tehiya and Moledet, the two small right-wing parties in Yitzhak Shamir's coalition, have finally pulled out in protest at Israel's apparent readiness to discuss autonomy for the Palestinians. Having lost his majority, Mr Shamir will now have to go to the country. Inevitably the Middle East peace conference will come to a temporary halt. Mr Shamir will not risk any concession that gives ammunition to his right-wing critics, nor engage in substantive negotiation without a mandate from the electorate.

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This hiatus is exactly what critics of Israel's negotiating tactics had feared. They forecast that Mr Shamir would spin talks out, use an election campaign to freeze all negotiations on substance and then play for time, hoping that the American election would increase pressure on the Bush administration to underwrite Israel's request for a \$10 billion

Such critics are wrong. The collapse of the coalition could just lead, albeit after a delay, to real progress in the peace talks. These will dominate the campaign. Mr Shamir is already claiming to be the man who can deliver peace. And despite his visceral distrust of the Palestinians, his lifelong commitment to a Greater Israel and his obstinate encouragement of new settlements, he knows that a large number of Israeli voters, probably the majority, desperately want peace. He is preparing himself for the role of de Gaulle, the man whose credibility cannot be questioned by the right, the man strong enough to make concessions that are seen at home as statesmanlike. Such calculations must have been behind his decision to attend the opening Madrid conference.

He also knows that electoral arithmetic is on his side. Since the last general election in 1988, and especially since the formation of his present coalition 18 months ago, the prime minister's Likud party has pulled ahead of its chief rival, the Labour party. More and more, Shimon Peres is looking a loser, a man tarnished by discredited socialism and wishy-washy in defence of Israel's interests. Mr Shamir can probably count on the bulk of the 250,000 Soviet immigrants who have not voted before. They have no love for anything smacking of socialism. They also tend to be secular in outlook and unlikely to be attracted by the religious parties, the chief rivals to Mr Shamir on the right.

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There is a danger that the election may not alter the overall political balance. Proportional representation encourages numerous splinter groups, some with no more than one member in the Knesset Israeli society is sharply polarised and deeply held convictions, especially on the path to peace; tend to cancel each other out. The result is overall stalemate and a domination of government decision by extremists. Mr Shamir may again find himself without an overall majority, and again dependent on small groups. His hope is to win supporters of the religious parties by campaigning for a tough approach to the Arabs but within a context of continued negotiation.

The Arab negotiations seem fully alive to the manoeuvring of Israeli politicians. The Palestinians in particular have shown sense and forbearance in their decision to continue talking, despite the threatened deportation of 12 Palestinians from the occupied territories. If Hanan Ashrawi and her colleagues are able to hold to their moderate line, they will await a Shamir election victory before pushing further forward. The same patience cannot be ascribed to the Syrians, who are boycotting the next round of talks in Moscow. Without them, negotiations on water rights, arms control and refugees practical issues at the heart of the conflict will be meaningless.

The danger in the Middle East is that delay slows momentum and stifles the best of intentions. Frustration builds up, and random incidents are used by extremists to undermine progress. The onward march of fundamentalism in Algeria, Egypt and Jordan shows that moderation has enemies everywhere. Mr Shamir must use the election to free himself of the far right's stranglehold. He must then play his peace cards swiftly and decisively at the negotiating table.

#### **OVER-UNIONISED**

The people of Scotland are citizens of a nation with a culture and identity as defined as that of any of the dozen new states flourishing in eastern Europe. They believe they know what is good for their country and are not enamoured of politicians from England telling them they are quite mistaken. Yet the Scouish secretary, Ian Lang, has made a practice of doing just that. Last weekend he proclaimed to a 2,500-strong audience in a debate organised by The Scotsman that devolution would leave Scotland over-taxed and over-governed, and would lead inexorably to independence. He of course never breathed the word self-determination.

How long can the Tories keep up their opposition to constitutional change in Scotland in the face of overwhelming support for greater self-government? Conservative scaremongering over devolution has always been patronising. It is now reckless. Under an assembly with tax-raising powers, the Scots will only be "over-taxed" in the view of Mr Lang. They will be taxed as much as they choose to be. They may choose a level higher than that in the rest of the United Kingdom, They may choose the reverse. But choice they should in some degree be allowed.

One term of a high-taxing Labour regime could well lead to subsequent victory by taxcutting Tories. Scotland does not forever have to be anti-Conservative. As recently as 1955, the Tones won more Scottish seats than Labour. In the 1980s, the Scots disliked two aspects of Toryism: the peculiarly English mannarchy of Margaret Thatcher herself and the condescending satrapy of her government. When the first was removed. the Conservatives' reward was an immediate five-point rise in Scottish polls.

The sarrapy remains, and with all other Scottish parties in favour of constitutional reform, its electoral impact is crippling. A Mori poll for the Scottish Sun yesterday found Labour at 47 per cent, almost double the 24 per cent for the Tories. That puts Labour ahead even of its 42 per cent vote in 1987, in which

it won 50 of the 72 Scottish seats. The Tories are down to nine seats, fewer than the Liberal Democrats. Even if the Tories win the election, they may have to staff the Scottish Office with English MPs. Such a "colonial" administration would surely shame the party into reconsidering devolution.

The Conservative party, ever more dominated by the South-East, is not acting in its own interest. An assembly in Edinburgh with extensive executive power would require an end to the over-representation of Scottish MPs at Westminster. Scotland would lose 13 seats if the average number of voters per constituency were brought into line with those south of the border, and should lose double that number if devolution is to have real meaning. The result would be a strongly Tory tilt at Westminster.

.Mrs Thatcher persistently identified Unionism with Westminster-centrism. Virulent in her defence of Westminster against Brussels, she could see no virtue in subsidiarity to local councils or regional assemblies. For them she had the same contempt that her EC opponents have for national parliaments. John Major has not shown any divergence from this centrism.

Unionism need not be incompatible with devolution, as countless Tory "devolvers" in Belfast have protested. Mr Lang claims that a Scottish parliament would lead to Scottish independence. By what process? His intransigence, early reminiscent of earlier British colonial rulers, is a greater threat to the Union. By setting a false dichotomy - independence or nothing — he encourages more Scots to move into the radical camp. A Sys-tem 3 poll for the Glasgow Herald last week found that, faced with Mr Lang's stark choice, 55 per cent would opt for independence. When offered devolution too, support for independence drops to 35 per cent.

The government's policy of centralism is anachronistic and prejudicial to the Union. Scotland's status within the United Kingdom must change.

#### **HISTORY LESSONS**

In the immortal phrase of 1066 and All That, the European Community is a Good Thing, at least according to a new multinational textbook, The History of Europe, by 12 European Historians. This curious ECsubsidised volume was originally conceived by socialist MEPs as a common history for Europe's schools. Its aim is to counterbalance national opinions on, say, Waterloo or the Franco-Prussian War with "descriptions of events which occurred simultaneously in all member states, to stimulate an awareness of belonging to a single political entity". As one half of Europe tears up a false historicism, the other is being enticed into an equally fallacious grand theory.

Many history rexibooks, including those satirised by Sellar and Yeatman, have parroted a jingoistic view of history. Classroom history should promote understanding of modern institutions, customs and values by explaining their genesis. Having learned first about their own country, schoolchildren should study some genuinely European events - church history, the growth of trade, the pattern of alliances - rather than swallow a dubious concept of a pan-Europeanism (chief exponents, Char-

lemagne, Napoleon, Hitler?). Social and political change will always initiate historical revisionism. As South Africa moves towards multiracialism, its textbook myths about the Great Trek or black migration prior to the Afrikaner setdement are being challenged. British primers, which once concentrated on the growth of empire, will naturally need to examine more intensely Britain's relations with continental Europe, east and west. These changes will arise from new knowledge and the enthusiasm of students and teachers: they should not be the subject of some Eurosyllabus pushed through the council of education ministers by qualified majority

Of course short-sighted historical nationalism may blight Europe's understanding of itself. Too few seminal works are translated in any direction, leaving unplumbed the depths of international misunderstanding. The French, who prefer their history in popular magazine form, are notorious for historical chauvinism. Simon Schama's ground-breaking Citizens remains unpublished in Paris because its clear-eyed view of the revolution is regarded as unacceptable. Yet it was a French historian, Elie Halevy. who published what is still the finest history of 19th-century England.

The History of Europe's self-interested Euro-sponsors regard history as a form of social engineering. They wish to generate support for their particular view of Europe's future through classroom teaching. History should not carry such an official imprimatur - such is the danger of all centralised curricula — for it always thus tends to propaganda. British publishers and educationists are right to have given this dubious chronicle a wide berth.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Gulf war lessons on round-clock news From Mr S. N. Payton control on which the reputation of the BBC has traditionally rested.

The main argument against open-ended instant broadcasting (I leave

aside the tedium that is a function of

its repetitiousness) is that it under-

mines the authority of the BBC as a

Speculative gossip exchanged be-tween journalists in a newspaper office undoubtedly makes a contribu-

tion to what eventually appears on

the printed page. I imagine, how-

ever, that an editor who took it into

his head to reproduce it verbatim

might very soon find himself invited

to breakfast with the proprietor in

(Controller BBC Radio 3, 1978-87).

Spylaw House, Newlands Avenue,

Sir. As a fellow "Scud FM" addict, I

was delighted to read Janet Daley's

cogent arguments for a rolling news

service. It would be able to offer those

of us for whom Radio 4 is a constant

companion a far wider and deeper

coverage.
In particular, there would be room

for a greater emphasis on news from

Europe, both as we see it and as

reported in Europe. So far, despite

the fact that 1992 is here, we seem to

receive only the same old xenophobic

reporting of Britain and its views.

and no insight at all into how

European issues are seen from the

other side of the Channel and

beyond. Even Europhile, the hon-

ourable if infrequent exception on

Radio 4, has not been broadcast

.Sir, Good journalism likes to think of

itself as a first rough draft of history.

A 24-hour radio news or current

affairs service would be an attempt at

giving us history as it happens.

That would be attempting too

much. The writing of history needs

time for reflection and judgment; it is

not to be achieved through immedi-

ate reactions to hastily reported and

since December 4.

Kiwane Lodge, Valley End, Chobham, Woking, Surrey.

From Mr James Bredin

possibly inaccurate facts.

Yours faithfully,

25 Stack House,

JAMES BREDIN,

Cundy Street, SW1.

Yours faithfully,

SIAN FLYNN,

source of news.

the Savoy.

Yours faithfully, IAN McINTYRE

Radlett, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Sian Flynn

Sir, Janet Daley's advocacy of a permanent radio news channel ("Feeding a news junkie", January 14) adds weight to the view that the temporarily extended news service during the Gulf war was perhaps initiated to satisfy the self-indulgence of journalists, for whom immediacy of presentation is more important than content.

It was not only the "vested interests" who criticised the service for presenting "hours of relentless wafile" to fill the gaps between the news: many listeners, 100, considered that what was offered added little to what they could have obtained had the

regular news schedules prevailed.
If so many non-professional "news junkies" exist, should the BBC's news professionals be allowed to hijack an existing network - and the stereophonic VHF frequencies at that - to broadcast the monophonic material

which they describe as "news"? The allocation of wavelengths during the Gulf war was totally perverse, rather than "sorted out... with remarkable efficiency", as Ms Daley claims. If there is a large, unsatisfied, non-stop news-hungry audience, a 24-hour news service should operate on a new and separate network.

Yours faithfully, S. N. PAYTON, Homend Cottage 28 Peachfield Road. Malvern Wells, Worcestershire.

From Mr Ian McIntyre

January 15.

Sir, Janet Daley's plea for a 24-hour news service on radio struck me as lazily argued. She tells us that she is "an incurable news addict", which must be a painful affliction, but there is no evidence that it has yet reached

epidemic proportions. What her case seems to boil down to is that those who were responsible for "Scud FM" enjoyed doing it; but then they would, wouldn't they? It is always a relief to slip out of one's corsets; so restful not to have the time to check a quote or a statistic or a pronounciation.

"Vested interest", says Miss Daley darkly; "the BBC favours those who guard their own spheres of influence". A better case could be made for saying that after many years of being the most powerful vested interest of all within the corporation, News in the domestic services is now established as a state within a state and as no longer subject to many of the standards of editorial quality

Labour and Nato

the Armed Forces

1983 or 1987.

From the Minister of State for

Sir, I beg to differ with Peter Riddell

"Overtaxing voters", January 17).

He rightly suggests that there are

"serious questions about Labour's

defence proposals", but qualifies that

by adding that they are "minor" compared to the effect a Labour

victory would have had on Nato in

The effect of Labour's defence

policy on Nato would be anything

but minor. Labour's point-blank

refusal in the nuclear debate on

January 14 to support (in any shape

or form) the retention of a British

nuclear deterrent, the concept of

nuclear deterrence or the need for a

sub-strategic nuclear capability en-

tirely undermines Nato's new

increase in SSAs is 6.8 per cent. yet

Liberal Democrat and Labour-con-

trolled districts are in line for in-

cent respectively. Our research could find no reason to account for this and

Mr Portillo cites the increases in

some London boroughs to demon-

strate even-handedness. For the

record, in the 32 London authorities

both Labour and Conservative ad-

ministrations receive average SSA increases of 7.7. per cent. Liberal

Democrat and no-overall-control authorities get 7.3. per cent. The closeness of the London figures

makes an explanation of the dif-

Local Government Information Unit.

Heritage appointment

Sir, It was a relief to all our members

at English Heritage - some 75 per cent of its specialist staff - to read in

your letters column (January 16) that

Jocelyn Stevens recognises his earlier

published comments (report and

article, January 15) were something

of a gaffe. His sweeping statements

offended staff and displayed a

surprisingly slight acquaintance

with the organisation of which he is

For example, English Heritage has around 800 staff based in the

West End of London, not 1,700; the

organisation does not have a "coun-

to be the head.

From the National Officer of the

Institution of Professionals,

Managers and Specialists

ferences even more important.

Yours sincerely, JUDY MALLABER (Director),

1-5 Bath Street, EC1.

asked ministers to comment.

From Ms Judy Maliaber

SSAs are set.

"strategic concept". This emphasises the need for an adequate mix of strategic and sub-strategic nuclear weapons. The UK currently makes a major contribution to both.

The strategic concept also advocates the retention of considerable conventional forces. Labour are committed to reducing defence expen-diture by at least £6 billion. The reality of that kind of reduction is that we would simply not be able to participate in the Rapid Reaction Corps, let alone lead it. The considerable contribution we make to Nato by sea and air would also have to be severely curtailed. I find it difficult to conceive of ways in which Nato would be more severely disrupted. Yours faithfully

ARCHIE HAMILTON, House of Commons. January 17.

#### Spending assessments 'Surplus' farmland From Mr Michael Hughes

Sir, The problem of the countryside Sir. Mr Michael Portillo's assertion (report, January 17) that our analysis (letters, January 13 and 17) is not a shortage of houses but a growing of the standard spending assess-ments (SSAs) is "hudicrous" cannot shortage of jobs. If the outcome of the go unchallenged. He queries our Gatt talks leads to more intensive concentration on the shire district farming there will be even fewer jobs councils: but it is precisely among available on the land. A village has this class of authorities that the few facilities for the old and infirm or for the young, so the proposed new housing would only make villages as statistics raise questions on how the The proposed national average

dormitories for commuters. What we need are rural communities where most work within a few miles and where neighbours know creases of 4.87 per cent and 3.92 per each other: country dwellers who do

#### 'A time to dance' From Mr Norman McCandlish

Sir, Two of your correspondents (January 17) raise questions about the BBC's sense of responsibility in connection with the rape scene which featured in the first episode of

A time to dance last Sunday. In the novel, and in the television adaptation, the traumatic consequence of rape is one of the keys to the character of Bernadette.

Rape is ugly and vile and should not be portrayed otherwise. We portrayed it briefly, with an awareness of the shock that the scene would engender, as the screenplay

English Heritage cares for and

conserves the irreplaceable physical

remains of our past in many ways. It

educates, informs and promotes

enjoyment of the historic environ-

ment. It seeks constantly to find ways

of working with owners, developers,

the public and other heritage bodies

to find conservation solutions which

There remains much important

work which cannot be carried out

because levels of staffing and fund-

ing are inadequate. Yet Mr Stevens

apparently thinks English Heritage

needs fewer people. It is surely perverse for the man charged with

are acceptable to all.

cil" - Mr Stevens will find himself chairing a commission; and English Heritage deals as much with archaeology as historic buildings.

English Heritage's many achievements stem largely from the pro-fessionalism and dedication of its staff, who represent its most valuable asset. It is to be hoped that Mr Stevens's motivation as its chairman is to contribute to the stewardship of our past, rather than to go tilting at windmills of his own creation.

ALAN LEIGHTON, National Officer, Institution of Professionals. Managers and Specialists. 75-9 York Road, SE1.

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#### Renewed threat to African elephant

From Sir Christopher Lever Sir, The fate of Africa's elephants is once again likely to dominate the conference of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), to be held in Japan in March.

At the last meeting of CITES in Switzerland, in 1989, the elephant was placed on Appendix 1, thus affording it full international protection by banning trade in all elephant products. Calls from some southern African states for a relaxation in the world-wide trade ban are now seriously undermining the efforts of other African countries to conserve their surviving elephant herds.

Any weakening in the comprehensive protection presently afforded the elephant would be seen as a "green light" by those wishing to recommence the banned trade in ivory. Indeed, a recent seizure in Hong Kong of a large consignment of smuggled tusks suggests that ivory poachers in some parts of Africa are already anticipating a relaxation in the trading ban.

It is thus especially unfortunate that the pro-trade lobby will be taking comfort from the procrastina-tion of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the British gov-ernment on the question of the continued listing of the African elephant on Appendix 1. Letters to Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environment, Mr Tony Baldry of the Department of the Environment and

#### Pollution policy

From the Minister for the Environment and Countryside

Sir, Ann Taylor's letter (January 16) gives an entirely false impression of government policy and makes a series of erroneous statements. Despite her protestations, she must be fully aware that the controls which the government introduced under the 1990 Environmental Protection Act do provide a powerful means to prevent pollution.

HM Inspectorate of Pollution (HMIP) has introduced rigorous systems to ensure that this and other environmental protection objectives are met in full and the government has backed the inspectorate and local authorities by providing them with the resources they need to do their job effectively.

Where companies fail to comply with the legislation, HMIP does not hesitate to prosecute (report, Januar) 13). The fines are not "derisory": the Act, as you report, increased the maximum lines which can be levied

#### Annigoni portrait From Mr Myles Glover

15) invites a crisp reply. An original is one thing, a copy is quite another. The public interest entitles the Fishmongers' Annigoni portrait of the Queen to immunity from risk, even at the expense of exposing the Rome Embassy copy of it, owned by the Crown, to a greater risk than lending the original would have entailed. As between respective owners, this is not unfair.

Sir. Lady Egerton's letter (January

Yours faithfully, MYLES GLOVER (Clerk to the Skinners' Company, 1959-90), Buckhall Farm, Bull Lane, Bethersden, Nr Ashford, Kent.

not merely look at it out of the picture window but take an active part in its life, church-going, hunting, shoot-ing, fishing, ferreting, improving the woodland, husbanding the riches of

A healthy society needs to be tied into the seasons of the earth, and the cycle of birth and death. Bury England under the patios of the greenwelly walkers and you will bury what is left of the English. We need more jobs on the land, not more concrete.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HUGHES. Sedgehill Manor, Nr Shaftesbury, Dorset.

#### demanded. An announcement dearly indicating the nature of this sequence preceded its transmission and our publicity material also signposted the

horror of the rape. As I write we have as yet made only one third of the journey with Bernadene and Andrew. By the time the journey is complete I hope that the importance of this disturbing scene will be understood by the audience within the context of the whole work.

Yours etc NORMAN McCANDLISH (Producer. A time to dance). BBC Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12. January 17.

leading the organisation over the next few years to start by apparently seeking fewer rather than more resources.

Dr Charles de Haes. Director-General of WWF International, have pro-

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duced less than reassuring replies.

Although WWF and the government remain opposed to a resumption of trade in ivory, both are noncommittal on the question of permitting trade in other elephant products, claiming that they await a report from a so-called "panel of experts": that this has not been made available less than sight been hade available less than eight weeks before the next CITES conference is, to say the least, regrettable.

At the last CITES conference the British government and WWF were severely criticised for delaying the announcement of their respective positions until the last moment, thus, in the opinion of many delegates, placing the outcome of the vote on a worldwide trade ban in jeopardy. If next March the trade in elephant products, other than ivory, is allowed there will undoubtedly be increasing pressure to lift the trade ban on stockpiled ivory also, which in turn would lead to an increase in poaching.

The African elephant has been the subject of slaughter throughout the 1980s and is unlikely to survive a further decade of destruction. The commitment now by WWF, the British government and the EC to the retention of full Appendix 1 listing would prove a major contribution to its long-term chances of survival.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LEVER, Newell House, Winkfield, Berkshire.

in a magistrate's court from £2,000 to £20,000, while there is no limit to fines imposed in the crown court. It is up to the judiciary to set the

dent of the inspectorate.

Fines are only one part of our armoury for controlling industrial pollution. The main objective must be to make those who have the potential to cause environmental damage face the full costs of prevention.

appropriate level of fines indepen-

In addition to these "rigorous systems of deterrence" (Ann Taylor's phrase) the government is commit-ted to introducing an environment agency which will be responsible for pollution control across the board. It will ensure that environmentallysound decisions are made in relation to air, land and water; and that the arrangements for enforcing pollution control remain strong and independent, and are seen to be so.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TRIPPIER, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, SWI.

#### Church patronage

From Mr P. M. A. Nokes Sir. The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986, criticised by the Reverend Michael Bennett (letter, January 9), contains some not ineffective checks and balances.

Mr Bennett says that in a multi-parish benefice a single dissenting parish representative "can thwart an appointment that may obviously be the right one." Certainly a representative may refuse to approve an offer of the living to the priest selected by the patron of the benefice; but in such circumstances that refusal must be accompanied by written reasons.

This not only concentrates the would-be dissenter's mind but also enables the patron to consider the merits of the refusal and to decide whether to request the archbishop to review the matter. If so requested, the archbishop has powers to authorise the making of an offer.

The code of practice issued by the General Synod office recommends that representatives be fully integrated in the selection process. If this done, my experience is that the "non-professionals" are involved for far more than the 20 minutes suggested by Mr Bennett. Yours faithfully,

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arce

P. M. A. NOKES (Designated Officer), Diocesan Office,

The Old Deanery, Wells, Somerset.

#### The play's the thing From Mr Harold Pinter

Sir, Benedict Nightingale (Arts, January 15) states that I have written "three playlets" in the last ten years. That is not the case. I have actually written five one-act plays and two sketches. The sketches might, I suppose, be described as "playlets' but the plays, while short, remain plays.

Yours faithfully. HAROLD PINTER, c/o Judy Daish Associates Ltd., 83 Eastbourne Mews, W2.

#### Plus or minus?

From Mr L. B. Wheatley

Sir, I agree that the Sandringham keepers look fine in their tweed outlits (report and photograph, January 14), but I must point out that their trousers are plus-twos and not plus-fours. My cubmaster. Jack Skillen, al-

ways wore a tweed plus-four suit to cub nights and uniform for church parades. His trousers had a distinctly wider overlap to the tops of his socks. Yours faithfully.

LAWRENCE WHEATLEY, Tregea, Lower Upton, Bude, Cornwali.

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#### COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 19: Divine Service was held in Flitcham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe preached the sermon. The Queen presented a Bible to Lindsey Amos for proficiency in Religious Instruction

Mr Roger Harman (Head Teacher of Flincham V.A. Primary School, King's Lynn) was present. By command of The Queen, the Earl Howe, Lord in Waiting, was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the departure of The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester for Egypt, and bade farewell to Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of Her

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 18: The Prince Edward this afternoon returned to Heathrow Airport, London, from Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. The Princess Royal this morning opened Murrayfield House, Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutemant for Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Rt Hon the

Afterwards Her Royal High ness, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, attended the Scotland England Rugby at Murrayfield.

January 19: The Princess Royal President, Save the Children Fund, this morning visited the All-Day-Visits Scheme and Mother and Baby Unit at HM Prison Holloway and was received by the Governor (Mr Michael O'Sullivan). (Mr Michael O'Sullivan). Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 19: The Duke and Duch-

ess of Gloucester this morning departed from Royal Air Force Northolt to carry out engage-ments in the Arab Republic of

Upon arrival at RAF Northolt, Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt:
(His Excellency Mr Mohamed
Shaker) and Sir Derek Dodson
(Special Representative of the
Secretary of State for Foreign and Mrs Euan McCorquodale, Miss Suzanne Mariand and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr M.G.I. Brash and Miss C.A.E. Stott

The engagement is announced between Manhew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Brash, of Woking, Surrey, and Clare, daughter of Mr Christopher Stott, of Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, and Mrs Elspeth Stott, of Manby.

Mr J.D. Budd and Dr N. Okhravi The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Budd, of Surbinon. Surrey, and Narciss, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Okhravi, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr N.G. Corbett and Miss S.J.H. Lachelin

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr A.G.D. Corbett and the late Mrs J. Corbett, of Battle, East Sussex. and Susannah, third daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P.H. Lachelin, of Chew Magna, Avon

Mr C.M. Fallon and Miss E.B.M. Soderstrom

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of His Honour Judge P. Fallon, QC, of Bristol, and Mrs Zina Fallon. of Marshfield, Wiltshire, and Mrs B. Söderstrom, of Appley Bridge, Lancashire.

Dr C.J. Griffin

and Miss A.L.C. Findley The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs John Griffin, of Llantwit Major, and Anna Louise, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John Findlay, of Micklethwaite, West Yorkshire.

Lientenant A.S. Harrison and Miss C.A. Burns

The engagement is announced between Andrew Sean Harrison, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Harrison, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Carolyn Annette, only daughter of Mrs Fredina Burns and the late Mr Alan Burns, of Windsor, Berkshire.

Mr J.A. Harrison and Miss M.M. Hodges The engagement is annou between James Alexander, only son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Harrison, of Lower Stanton St.

Quintin, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Michele Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Hodges, of Woodstock,

Mr H.S. Humphreys and Miss A. Luttig The engagement is announced, from Cape Town, between Simon,

only son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Humphreys, of Bath, and Annalette, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Luttig, of Grootfortein,

Mr W.M.A. Mackereth The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Bill Mackereth, of Brecon, Powys, and Lisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Batson, of Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Mr S.F. Mortimer and Miss S.M. Day

The engagement is announced ween Simon, son of Mr and Mrs F. Mortimer, of Peterborough, and Shirley, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Day, of Bristol.

Mr C.A. Pearson and Miss V.F. Sylvester

The engagement is announced between Clive, second son of Mr and Mrs G.C. Pearson, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Vivien, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs D.G.H. Sylvester, of Lower Almondsbury, Bristol.

Mr G.R. Pople and Miss C.E. Fairbaira

The engagement is announced between Ross, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Lennard Pople, of Wangamui, New Zealand, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Sir Nicholas Fairbairn of Fordell, QC. MP, and the Hon Mrs Elizabeth Fairbairn, of

Edinburgh. Mr S.W. Warr and Miss C.J. Peters

The engagement is announced between Stephen William, only son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Warr, of Portishead, Avon, and Charlotte Jane, only daughter of Squadron-Leader and Mrs J.P.E. Peters, of St Peters, Guernsey.

Marriages

leader in India and botanist, Mr A.J. Barron and Miss E.A. Webb died on January 7 aged 89. He was born on January 25, The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's. ARTHUR Paul Benthall Alastair Barron, eldest son of Sir overcame a series of harsh illnesses in early life and a

Donald and Lady Barron, of Bishopthorpe, to Miss Ann Webb, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Webb, of Bromley, Kent. The Rev P. Rathbone officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Kim Jackson and Miss Julia Barron. Mr David Barron was best man.

Mr M.H.D. Madden and Mrs G.M.T. Crosthwaits The marriage took place on January 18, in Cornwall, between Mr Michael Madden and Mrs Gelda Crosthwaite.

Mr J. Preston and Mrs P. Eames

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 18, at St Andrew's Church, Totteridge Village, of John Preston to Patricia Eames. Carion John Knowles-Brown officiated A reception was held at Grange

Luncheon High Sheriff of Greater

Manchester
The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and Mrs Wilson were hosts yesterday at a hun-cheon held in Wilmslow, Cheshire. Among those present were:
The Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport,
the Mayor and Mayoress of Tarneside,
the Chairman of Manchester Airport
and Mrs Banye, the Chairman of the
Manchester City Bench and Mrs
Demetriades, the Chairman of the
Manchester Council for Community
Relations and Mrs Downle, the President of the Manchester Chamber of
Commerce and Mrs Kane and Professor
Dennis Welland. ire. Among those present were:

Charles Hoare A memorial service for Charles Hoare will be held at the Savoy

Chapel on Tuesday, February 4, at noon. Enquiries to Emma Hunter Blair - 071 493 3211. Air Marshal Sir

Nigel Mills A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills, KBE, will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 1992, at noon at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London, WC2.

#### Nature notes

WHERE it was sunny at the weekend, lesser spotted wood-peckers started making their two distinctive spring sounds. They have a thin, piping call, like the "go" signal at a pedestrian crossing: they also drum with their beaks on dead branches, though not so magisterially as the greater spotted woodpecker. They are no larger than a sparrow: their backs are barred black and white, and the male has a red crown. Feeding in the tree tops, they hang vertically on the twigs, or flutter

among them like a warbler. Mistle thrushes are singing more regularly, and also fighting each other with harsh rattling sounds. Some of these fights are to stake out their future breeding territories, some just to defend a holly tree covered with berries.

Pink flowers are opening on the Japanese cherries. The first snow-



LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER drops are out on sheltered lawns. and many more are sprouting in orchards and on damp hillsides. pushing up a pair of narrow, seagreen leaves. Winter aconites are uncurling and will soon be in flower, with a delicate ruff under

their yellow petals - but they will close again whenever the tem-

J. M. K. Vyvyan A memorial service for James Michal Kenneth Vyvyan, MA, will be held in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge, on Saturday, February 15, 1992, at perature falls below 10 degrees

Gore, SW7, at 4.00.

**OBITUARIES** DAME SHELAGH ROBERTS

Dame Shelagh Marjorie Roberts, a former Conservative MEP and in 1976 chairman of the Conservative Party conference, died on January 16 aged 67. She was born in Port Talbot on October 13, 1924.

FEW in recent years could equal Shelagh Roberts's record of public service. Her activities ranged from presiding over a great assembly like the televised Conservative Party conference to the long unpublicised hours spent in a starkly furnished room at Brixton Prison as a member of its Board of Visitors dealing with the prison's problems. To all her tasks she brought the same qualities: high intelligence, quiet efficiency and unassertive authority. She failed in her ambition to enter the House of Commons but she was a highly valued member of the European Parliament and earlier this month her contributions to British public life were recognised when she was created a life peer. The honour came too late for her, however, to take her seat in the House of Lords and she died from cancer. She had become a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1981.

Her talents were recognised by Edward Heath in 1968 when the party was in opposition. He appointed her to a committee, chaired by Anthony Cripps, QC, to iden-tify legal discrimination against women and to propose remedies. Its report recommended a series of reforms which have been carried through by subsequent Conservative governments, culminating in separate taxation assessments for mar-

ried women. Dame Shelagh was an industrial relations consultant and had been assistant secretary to the Society of Civil Servants. She was the centre of a minor sensation at the first direct elections to the European Parliament in

Sir Paul Benthall, business

natural shyness to become a

respected business leader

during a politically sensitive

The son of a sporting Dev-

on parson, he was educated at

Eton and Christ Church, Ox-

ford. His elder brother

Edward ("Tom") married a

daughter of Lord Cable, a

Devon nabob who owned

Birds Heilgers, a leading Cal-

cutta managing agency. Paul joined Birds in 1924, becom-

ing an expert on the jute

industry, and was a partner

by 1934. For many years Tom and Paul ran Birds to-

gether, known as burra sahib

("big sahib") and chota sahib

("little sahib"), a comment on

their relative sizes as well as

During the war, when Tom

(now Sir Edward) left the firm

Dr Buzz Aldrin, former astronaut,

Dr bitz Aidnin, former astronaut, 62; Lord Aylestone, CH, 87; Mr Tom Baker, actor, 56; Mr George Burns, actor and comedian, 96; Mr Derek Dougan, former foot-ball manager and player, 54; the Very Rev D.L. Edwards, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, 63; Mr

the Southwark Cathedral, 63; Mr Federico Fellini, film director, 72; the Hon Sir Henry Fisher, former president, Wollson College, Ox-ford, 74; Miss Liza Goddard.

actress. 42; Lord Hanson, 70; the Marquess of Headfort, 60; Major

Dick Hern, racehorse trainer, 71: Mr J.K. Ind. former headmaster, Dover College, 57; Mr Royalion Kisch, conductor, 73: Mr David Lynch, film producer, 46; Commandant Vonla McBride, former

director, WRNS, 71; Mr Natan

Sharansky, dissident, 44; Professor N.C. Wickramasinghe,

The Prince of Wales will open new

classroom and boarding school facilities at Glebe House School.

Hunstanton, Norfolk, at 10.15.

The Princess of Wales will open

the new operating theatre wing at the London Chest Hospital,

Prince Edward will present the

BP Expo 92 Awards at BAFTA at

Princess Alexandra will visit

Queen Alexandra's House,

Bremner Road, Kensington

Bonner Road, E2, at 10.30.

7.00.

astronomer, 53.

Today's royal

engagements

**Birthdays** 

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1979. She won the London South West seat with a 30,000 majority but her election was declared invalid because she was a member of the Occupational Pensions Board, in receipt of a small salary from the Crown. She had been badly advised. She resigned from the board, and succeeded again in the re-run

In the European Parlia-

ment she resumed her campaign for the separate taxation of women and produced, with Madame Simone Veil and others, a report on the subject that was approved by the Parliament. As chairman of the external relations committee of the Parliament, she led the demand for action to stop the import of counter-Community, but, on a wider feated by Mr Goronwy Rob-

to join the Vicerov's Council.

Paul was exempted from con-

scription since he was in a key

job. The achievement in his

life of which he was most

proud came in 1942-3 when

one of General Slim's divi-

sions was trapped by the Jap-

anese in the Arakan. Slim

conceived the idea of making

supply-dropping parachutes

cheaply from jute, and

Benthali arranged with all

the jute mills of Bengal to

SIR PAUL BENTHALL

front, she resisted calls for protectionist measures against the Japanese. She was vice-chairman of the European Democratic (Conservative) group from 1987 until the 1989 election when she lost the South West London seat to Labour.

Dame Shelagh was edu-cated at Milford Haven County School, Ystalyfera School and St Wyburn School, Birkdale. She began work at the age of 17 in the Inland Revenue department in Liverpool. She joined the Young Conservatives and continued canvassing for the party at local and parliamentary elections in London to which she was transferred at the end of the war. She stood for Parliament at Caernarvon feit goods from outside the in 1964 but was heavily de-

abling Slim to supply his

forces wherever needed.

In 1946 Benthall pub-

lished a substantial study,

The Trees of Calcutta and its

Neighbourhood, which was

well received and became a

standard reference work.

was president of the Associat-

ed Chambers of Commence of

India for 1948, and again in

1950 when the president

elect was murdered in a riot

between Hindus and Mus-

lims. Benthall, as well as run-

ning a large and sprawling

firm, represented the views of

business to the government,

and he came to know Nehru.

Gandhi and other politicians.

He was the only European

trustee of the Gandhi Memo-

rial Fund. In 1950 he was

appointed KBE, an unusually

high honour in India for a

Benthall left India in 1953

and was a director of several

non-official.

After independence, Benthall

the Calcutta Light Horse

erts, then Minister of State

for Wales in the Labour

Dame Shelagh was a mem-

ber of Kensington Borough

government

was in the highest ranks of the Conservative Party organisation. She was chairman of National Union of Conservative and Unionist parties (1976-1977), president of the National Union in 1988 and was adviser to the Conservative agents' superannuation conference at Brighton in 1976 helped provide the atmosphere of confidence and

provide the next government. was unmarried.

Insurance and the Chartered

Bank From 1959 to 1972 he

tenant of Benthall Hall, an

Elizabethan ancestral home

in Shropshire of great charm,

recently given by his cousin

Clementina to the National

Trust and subjected to radical

repairs. He and his wife were

awarded a medal by the

Internationales Burgen

Institut in 1978 in recogni-

tion of their devotion to the

Despite his successes in public life, he preferred the

countryside, sailing and his

library. He would delight

close friends with piquant an-

ecdotes of the Raj, many of

which he recorded in a family

He married Mollie Pringle

in 1932 and they were ex-

tremely happy. He was certified blind in 1985 and she

died in 1988 after a long

illness. He bore these trials

with exemplary stoicism.

Four sons survive them.

house and garden.

memoir.

Council from 1953 to 1971 and of the Greater London Council from 1970 to 1981 where she was the first woman to take a place on the Conservative front bench. She was leader of the planning and transport committee from 1977 to 1979 and was at the opening of the Piccadilly Line extension to Heathrow. She was also chairman of the housing committee of the Association of Municipal Corporations. She was made a DBE for public and political service in

Greater London: Dame Shelagh was much more than a party warrior, though inspired by her conservatism. She was at various times a member of the Port of London Authority, the Basildon Development Corpora-tion and the Race Relations Board. In October 1989 she was appointed chairman of the London Tourist Board and waged a constant battle to raise the profile of the tourist industry in London. For more than 20 years she

its womens' committee (1972-75), chairman of the scheme. The unflamboyant competence with which she managed the Conservative reponsibility which left members feeling the party would

She was a devout Christian and worshipped at Chelsea Old Church. She had pro-posed to take the name of her father's Welsh birthplace in the title of her peerage. She

# CHARLIE VENTURA

phonist, died on January 17 in Pleasantville, New Jersey aged 75. He was born on December 2, 1916.

CHARLIE Ventura was an extrovert imisician who will be best remembered for his work in the 1940s with another showman of the swing era, the drummer Gene Krupa. Influenced by Coleman Hawkins and such popular rhythm and bines players as Illinois Jacquet, Ventura developed a barn-storming solo style which was often disdained by critics, but which always found a ready response amongst audiences. Ventura (whose real name

was Charles Venturo) was raised in a large family which ran a hat-making business He originally took up the Cmelody saxophone, an instrument which was commonplace in the early history of jazz but which fell from favour in the 1920s. Ventura moved on to the alto before settling on the tenor. While working in the family firm he gained musical experience by playing with local bands, often accompanying visiting soloists. Two of his younger brothers, Ben and Ernie were also to become respected saxophonists.

In 1942 he joined the Gene Krupa Orchestra after Krupa's manager heard the young saxophonist perform-ing in a nightchib. Krupa, who had made his name with Benny Goodman, was one of the most popular and excit-ing of the white band leaders. Though Ventura and Krupa were to collaborate, on and off, for many years the rela-tionship was interrupted in 1943 when Krupa was briefly imprisoned on a dubious narcotics charge. He later won

his appéal. After the band broke up. Ventura worked for another handleader. Teddy Powell. before being re-united with Krupa in 1944. He became the star soloist in Krupa's big band, which continued to beat out the swing hits while

Charlie Ventura, jazz saxo- also giving some encourage ment to younger, bop-oriented players and arrangers including Gerry Mulligan.

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After two years with Krupa Ventura broke away to lead his own orchestra and small groups, playing music which often bore the influence of the Louis Jordan-style jump bands. His recordings from this period included "C.V. Jump" and "East of Suer" He still showed some sympathy for beloop and by 1948 was leading an octet which performed under the banner "Bop for the People". Featur-ing the vocalist Jackie Cain. the group enjoyed a limited measure of success with its unison arrangements of boo

Disfillusioned with the experiment, Ventura formed another big band in 1950 and the following year cofounded the Big Four, a short-lived but exuberant quartet featuring the drummer Buddy Rich pianist Marty Napoleon and bassist Chubby Jackson. The group played its first date at an hotel in Toronto, with Ventura leaping from the bandstand and weaving his way through an ecstatic audience. Ventura continued to work

themes.

with Krupa at intervals until the late 1960s. Despite suffering intermittent bouts of illness he appeared with his own groups in residencies at Las Vegas and Denver. After settling on the East Coast he gave frequent concerts in the New England area. In the last years of his life, he was less prominent spending much of his time playing in bands on and around the hoardwalks at Atlantic City. In 1988 he was seriously

injured in a fall, and was also prevented from playing because of tooth and guin ailments. Last year, after friends collected money to buy him new dentures. Ventura made plans for a comeback. These hopes were dashed, however, when he was found to be suffering from cancer.

#### **BRIG CHARLES OLIVIER**

Kenneth Wilbarn writes:

(January 9) that when appreparation of police adminispointed as deputy comman tation and discipline was in-dant of the Police Staff mense. At that time two rience gave concern to both the Police Federation and the Police Review.

The college was first known as the Police College and its first two commandants were Brigadier Dunn and General Jeif. I served under them as a

those of us - staff and stu-IT IS said in Brigadier dents alike who for some Charles Olivier's objustry years had known only the and Ian Watt, had the same

None of the four had police experience and each contributed greatly to the healthy widening of police student minds. It is important that the fact be recorded lest a member of the directing staff. false alkusion persists,

#### SIR ROGER ORMROD

Anthony Taussig writes:

MAY I add a postscript to your obituary (January 9) of Sir Roger Ornrod? In addition to his many other concerns Sir Roger was strongly committed to the improvement of housing conditions in West London, and was for more than 20 years chairman of the Notting Hill Housing

He presided over the growth of the Trust from its early days until it had become one of the largest and most effective housing associations in London. By the time he retired from the chairmanship in 1988 the belt of squalid tented housing, which ran through North Kensington in the Rachman era, had been transformed.

#### Memorial

services

Viscountess Rothermere, daughter, and the Hon Jonathan Harmsworth, grandson, read the lessons. Mrs Robert Willis, daughter, and Geraldine Lady Ogilvy, granddaughter, read opens and open and open

The Rev Victor Kingston

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Rev Victor Kingston was held on Sahirday at St Mary Plant, near Sevenous.

#### K. P. Obank

A memorial service for Kenneth Obank, who was successively Chief Sub-Editor, Production Editor and Managing Editor of The Observer from 1945 to 1979, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, tomorrow, January 21, at noon.

#### Ursuline Convent. Wimbledon

Wumbledon Ursuline old girls and friends are invited to attend Centenary Mass at the Sacred Heart. Edge Hill at 2,00pm on March 2), and therafter to a reception at the school.

#### **Christopher Hill**

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Benthall also served in the was chairman of Amalgamat-

legendary spare-time unit, ed Metal. In 1962 he became

# Agreement to differ on unity?

DURING this week of prayer for Christian unity many Anglicans and Roman Catholics will be feeling disappointment at the Vatican's cool response to the work of the first Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC 1) 1970-1981. The delay in this response may also explain its caution: different ecumenical presuppositions within the Vatican. The Pontifical Council for Unity might, by itself, have been able to have been more positive but the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has a properly conservative role and guards the tradition as it perceives it.

Before Anglicans become too superior about the need for internal Roman Catholic ecumenism, we ought to reflect on our own inability to jump the final ecumenical fence with the Free Churches. This has been largely due to internal Anglican differences in the understanding of the ordained ministry. For both Rome and Canterbury a potentially healthy theological diversity has become polarised. In the case of Rome, between Vatican departments; in the Church of England, parties in synod.

Both result in ecumenical inertia. It is therefore not surprising that some theologians have begun to question the goal which has thus far inspired interchurch conversations: "full, visible, organic unity". The Provost of Southwark Cathedral. Dr David Edwards, has spoken of the need for theological and institutional diversity and of denominations in communion with each other as an alternative model. A few years ago the editors of the Tubingen Theological Ouarterly published a number of ecumenical articles in which accepted ecumenical methods were questioned. One of them called for alternatives to konsensökumene (the consensus ecumenical method). Another, a personal essay by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, by no means went this far. But it did suggest that agreed statements have their limits and that disappointment would be avoided by recognising this. He approved of the "unity through diversity" slogan of Oscar Cullman, the Protestant theologian. Dr Edwards may be surprised to find himself in agreement with Cardinal

Ratzinger but my point here is that responsible theologians are saying that ecumenical conversations have not taken seriously enough the radical diversity of Christianity. In this they may be right. But does a real acceptance of Christian diversity mean the abandonment of

what Dr Edwards calls the will-o'-thewisp of full visible unity? Does it mean that the patient work of the whole range of inter-Christian dialogues (of which ARCIC is only one example) has been so much labour in vain? Some would answer yes. For some Christians the whole notion of ecumenical agreement can mean very little because they understand Christianity to be both pluriform and, since the baptism of the Gentiles, intended to be radically inclusive. Definitions of faith, propositional statements and agreements can, on the other hand, only divide. A realistic acceptance of radical diversity is the only answer. And this alternative has its attraction at a time of increasing Christian stridency. But it has the fatal flaw of little relationship to historic creedal Christianity and must end in an echo of Pilate's question: What is truth? To abandon the search for agreement in faith (within an admitted diversity of doctrinal expression and church practice) is to question whether of Christian self-understanding and

At the other end of the spectrum there are many Christians today who seem to find it difficult to make any distinction between Christian faith and the context in which they have received it through their particular tradition. This is then read back unhistorically into the past or even into the New Testament itself. For such Christians ecumenical agreement is unthinkable, other than on the basis of acceptance of their own expressions of

By seeking agreement in the substance of Christian faith ecumenical conversationalists are doing three things. They are affirming that there can be an expressible corporate Christian selfunderstanding; that this can be done in common with Christians of other traditions; and that this agreement is not to be achieved by the imposition of past separate expressions of faith formed by competing communities but by going behind such expressions to the Scriptures and the common tradition.

Present disappointment must not tempt us into thinking that all this is impossible, unnecessary or undestrable. But reconsideration of Christian diversity by those who write ecumenical agreements, and by those who judge them, might lead to a better discernment of what we have in common which already sensitivity and respect for that which gives identity to each Christian community. Though this cannot be imposed in should be cherished, for in God's good time it may be renewed and offered as a gift for all Christians. If we do not throwin the sponge now.

Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral.

unites us. It could also give a heightened

The writer is Canon Residentiary and there can ever be a corporate articulation

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poems and prayers. Mr Timothy Becker, godson, sang "Lord God of Abraham" from Elijak and Mr Nicholas Manhews, 5001, gave an address. Among others present DEATHS

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For those with the time - and the money - the Riviera season offered polo, high-class lawn tennis, golf, dancing at all hours, gala dinners and suppers, not to mention "fêtes, riots and orgies", but as The Times' special correspondent pointed out, at the fine hotels at which he stayed, the poorest meals were served at the dearest. One wonders what his statistics. expenses came to.

RIVIERA GAIETIES The official Season of the Riviera is

now fairly under way, with every evidence of being much like, if a little more crowded and more stremmons than, its recent predeces-sors. From the point of view of British visitors, the chief features of British visitors, the chief features of novelty may be said to be the opening of the lavishly appointed Capitole restaurant and music-hall at Monte Carlo, under English auspices and with London attractions the management of the unalltions; the appearance of the well-known Bristol at Beardieu as one of tions; the appearance of the wellknown Bristol at Beardieu as one of
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orgies, and tameshes of every kind the standard price for a gala dinner or supper now meaning to be fairly fixed at 80f a head, when a few years ago we thought it extortionate at 25f. Champagne at these feasts is generally abundant at round about 105f. or 110f. a bottle, though the latest French Government statistics assure us that the price of wines has gone down 30 per cent in the course of the last year. The Riviera knows very little of Government Since last November your Corres-

pondent has stayed at five different hotels, for periods ranging from four days to a fortnight, in as many different Riviera towns. The inclusive pension rates for a single room at the five hotels have been, in chronological order, respectively 80f. a day, 120f., 80f., 110f., and 80f. I have had the curiosity to see what the same hotels were advertising in 1914. Their charges were 15f. (now 80), 12 to 15f. (now 120), 12f. (now 80), 12 to 16f. (now 110) and 12f. (now 80). The leasest ware of at the five hotels have been, in

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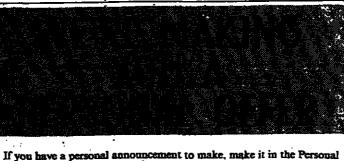
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require.
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D J McCorreick, Director. REPROSERATION LIMITED
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undersigned David John Mayon
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House, 35 Wood Street, Berney,
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Nat D B Cockley of Leach Bright
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act as an insolvency practitioner. Mr D B Cockley of Loues Bright & Petrus. Langton Priory, Portszouth Red, Guildford, Survey GLZ BEH. Is qualified to act as an insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and with furnish creditors free of charge with such Information concerning the company's Bright.

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T/A ANGLIA BACCIN

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The Sommington Notes, 92 Southampion Row, London WCIB 48HH

on Thursday 23rd January 1992

at 11,00 a.m. for the purposes
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Notice is also hereby given, pursulant to Section 982/An of the
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4879 is qualified to act as an insolweeky Paratitianser in relation to
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Deted this 10th day of Jamuany 1992.

BY ORDERS OF THE BOARD T C Phillips. Director with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 10th January 1992
By order of the Board
John Hallman, Director.

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bourne Terrace. Cand Floor,
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Slat day of January, 1992 at
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NOTINGE S ALSO CRYEN that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors trust (unless they surrender their security) lodge at sitement giving particulars of their security. The date when h was agiven, and the value at which it was assessed.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Dated the 14th day of January 1992 1 GARDNER

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dayons of the said Company as
16th December 1991 (Centreband
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RULE 4.106(1)
FRESHOOLD LIMITED
T/AS CAMBERLEY
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VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that I. Dermos Brendan Coaldey.
Chartered Accountant, of Leey.
Charte be given.
Dated this 15th day
of January 1992
D B Coakley: Liquidator THE RISOLVENCY RULES 1986
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Richbarough Furniture Limited
In Creditors Voluntary
Liquidation
1 HEREBY GIVE NOTIK, E that I.
Makonim Cohen, Licrimed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stay Hayward, S Baker Street, London
WIM 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 6 January 1992. All
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PROPERTIES LIMITED
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Dated this 10th day
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NOTIEE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS given. Dated: 13 January 1992 M COHEN, Liquidator. The Insolvency Act 1986
WINDSOR PROPERTY
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IN Lauditation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that John Couts Stuttleworth, 20
Hillscroft, Loughton, Easex was
appointed Liquidator of the said
Company by the Creditors on
15th January 1992.
Daled this 16th January 1992
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

TREADCEAR LIMITED
T/A THI SPORTIS
Notice is hereby givers, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of
the circlitons of the above-named
company's to be held at 76 New
Cavendish Street, London Wilh
TLB on 3 February 1992 at 11.00
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Dated: 14 January 1992
S. ARBISMAN, Director. TEU.

Section 293 of the Insolvency Act 1996
DAVED KONG: In Bankrusky
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hammon Smith of Morion Thoraton & Co. Torrington House. 47 Holywell Hill. St. Albatts. Herifordshire ALI 1HD was appointed Trustee of David Kong by a resolution of a meeting of creditore held on 20th November 1991.
Nigel John Hamilton Smith. Trustee

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Dated: 14 January 1992

S. ARBISMAN, Director. of January 1992
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GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Fifties heyday is recreated in a new musical written, devised and co-produced by Jack Good who produced the BBC's Sk-Five Specal, the first television programme to bring rock to the British public. Good want on to produce ATV's On Boyt, giving television debuta to many rising stars including Cliff Richard, Brenda Lee, Gene Vincent and Eddie Cochran. This musical, premiered in Liverpool less year, tells his story, interspersed with 60 songs. Previews begin tonight and the production opens on January 28. Strand, Aldwych, London WC2 (071-240 (300), 8pm.

LONDON CITY BALLET: This enterprising troups brings its spring tour to Cheltenham with two programmes: the first presents the company's rather secentric products of Swan Lake, while the second offer more promising mix with the Giselle pas de deux, Nuteracter Suite and Peter Derreit's Chiefle.

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LAURENCE WHISTLER: Not only the

LAUNENCE WHISTLER: Not only the senior glass engrave in this country, but also atmost single-handed engineer of the revival of point engraving in Britism, Laurence Whistler turns 80, an occasion splendidly commentorated by this retrospective exhibition. The evolution of Whistler's style in goblets, much influenced by the drawlings of his brother Resi, and then developing into his own inclvidual vision of mystical landscape, is vividly illustrated.

#### (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, met Thurs, 2.15pm, 145mins.

TODAY'S EVENTS

ShiPLY RED: Assured white soutster Mick Hucknell showcases hits from the group's fourth album, Stars, its most group's fourth album, Stars, its most successful to date. Simply Red has few peers when it comes to delivering imelligent and heartieft soul music and has a limited for creating an intimate almosphere in even the largest of venues, First of two Birmingham dates. NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4183), fem.

DIVAS: The duo of Liz Aggiss and Billy Cowle present a double bill: the first half is the premiere of Aggiss' solo, El Punal Entra en el Contzon, which uses Planal Entra en el Contiton, which sees tearls by Loren to "explode the metho world" of the Spanish male; in the second half, Dives revels its warner side with Le Chanson Sien Douce, based on 11 songs with texts by the French poet Vartaine. Cureen Elizabeth Heal, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

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LEBESTRALIM (18): Mike Figgin's dark, wild tale of love, death and cast-iron architecture. Intoxicating at first, but yawns creep in. Starring Kevin Anderson, Pamela Gidley, Kim Novak. Cansons: Fullham Road (071-370 2856) Shaffaebury Avenus (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-444 0031) Whitsleys (071-792 3532).

MATADOR (18): Murder, high festion, and anti-Catholic libes from the inimitable Pedro Almodovar; made in 1998. Assumpts Serns and Nacho 

MERCI LA VIE (18): Time-hopping adventures of two mempaging girls (Charlotte Gainsbourg, Anoult Grinberg), Studined variation on Bertrand Bion's first hill, Lee Valueues. Valueuses. Carriden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691).

PROOF (15): A blind man's photographs bring emotional complications. Intriguing entertainment from new Austra Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picot. Renoir (071-837 8402).

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurded comedy about youth, old age and life's disappointments from bainted new Beiglan director Jaco van Dormael. With Michel Bouquet, Thomas Godet. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8965).

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where

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GOES WEST (L): Heatic sequel to the
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raice: best when it reworks Western
cliches. A Steven Spielberg
production; directors, Phil Nebbelink,
Simon Welts.

Simon Wells. MGM Trocadero (071-434 (031)

BILLY BATHGATE (15): Hero-worshipping kid joins Dutch Schult gang in 1930s New York, Mulfied,

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ONCE A CATHOLIC: Walcome return of Mary J. O'Malley's romping comedy about convent girls growing up between nuns and teddy boys. Tricycle, 269 Kibun High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 160 miss of the sat of the I PHANTOM OF THE OPERA:

LI PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller: tunes by Otterbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Wabber.
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THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Torn Contil argues the case for bigarny. Wyndhant's, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-887 1118), Mon-Sar, 7.30pm, mats Thoma, Sart, 2.30pm, 150mins.

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Providing support this week is the acoustic Martin Speake quarter.
Ronnie Soot's, Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 8.30pm.

St John's, Smith Square, London 5W1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

THE ART OF DEATH: Most of us are secretly fascinated by death, but such is our fear and embarrasament that we will do anything rether than talk about it. By contrast our post Retornation arcestors reacted energetically to the prospect of their own mortsity. The exhibition spanning the years from 1500-1800 shows how people surrounded themselves with reminders of death and how they would work surrounded themselves with restinder of deeth and how they would work hard to commemorate friends and relatives who had died. Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, South Kansington, Lundon, SWY (UT-1938 8364). Mon-Sat, 10am-5. 40pm, Sun, 2.30-5. 40pm, until Merch 22.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: The RSC stops off at Bromley, midway through its 25-week tour of Christophar Hampton's celebrated adaptation of Les Lieisons

acapterion of use Cascons
Cargarases, written by Lacke. Anna
Carteret and Psul Shelley head the
cast. Next alop: Brighton's
Theatre Royal.
Churchill Theatre, High Street,
Bromley (081-460 9877), 7,45pm.

# Punch-drunk with words

#### TELEVISION ----

Screen Two: The Grass Arena BBC 2

FOR a film to employ both a fight arranger and a chess adviser is probably quite unusual - or so one reflected while the end-credits rolled after last night's The Grass Arena. Few stories in the history of cinema have required these skills in conjunction. "Queen's Pawn to Queen's Bishop Five," says Ward Bond. thoughtfully re-positioning a tooth-pick between his molars. "The hell he does," says John Wayne, and socks Bond on the jaw with such force that his reeling body knocks over all the other little chess tables in Miss Kitty's OK Saloon (and Games Parlor).

But The Grass Arena was based on a real life, so you couldn't argue with it. John Healy, whose autobiography was the source for this film, seemingly started life as a post-war, hunched up. little-old-man kind of kid in a belted raincoat, whose Irish father knocked him about, and whose pleasures were intensely solitary (kicking a football against a wall only 18 inches away). He grew up to be a champion boxer on the amateur scene, blew it all by turning to drink, and entered a world of homeless burns where the main method of communication was to hurl bottles at people's heads. And then, miraculously, a cellmate in the clink revealed to him the delights of the chessboard, and immediately he stopped waking up on dank concrete floors with blood dribbling into his

It wouldn't work for everybody, of course - which is perhaps why the story was so compelling. What sort of man was he, then? In Mark Rylance's vivid embodiment of jangling emotional occlusions, he remained, rightly, a complete enigma. "You should join a club, do you know that?" his bullying father advised him (he meant a boxing club). The irony of

Healy's story, perhaps, was that he kept joining clubs and then being disappointed by them: looking for friendship, he found only competitors who wanted to knock him out (sometimes literally). His fellow alcoholics, for example, would happily dash out his brains for ninepence; and as for the snooty Sixties chess players whose brown corduray world he gate-crashed, they would probably waive the fee.

The film ended with Healy turning his back on the checkerboard, and forging off into the dark to become a writer. This was fine ("He is now an acclaimed author," said a helpful caption), but it seemed to suggest that this had automatically wrought an end to loneliness. Some chance. Had the London literary club really been any more welcoming than the league of winos or the confederacy of chessplayers? Getting published by Faber & Faber is not necessarily an e d to despair; it is sometimes the rever e-

The interesting thing about The Grass Arena was that, despite the quantities of blood, grime, booze, drool and vomit, it did not dell on degradation. If it was about any ing, it was about bad stress management. The boy with the hunched-up shoulders had hit the bottle in an attempt to "loosen up"; but the child is father to the man, and Rylance was sometimes so painfully stiff that when he stretched his arm you could almost hear the squeal and shudder of an old iron gate. It was symptomatic that Healy's life

was divided into different "arenas" the boxing ring, the grass of he parks, the chessboard. Rylance Jid brilliantly to convey the childlike mixture of optimism and worldweariness, vulnerability and resilience, inanity and astuteness that drove this fellow along his peculiar lonely course of public tournaments and hollow victories. Thank goodness Healy discovered yoga and transcendental meditation before it was too



LYNNE TRUSS Knock-out part: Mark Rylance plays the eternal outsider, John Healy

#### THEATOE The Last Hallucinations

of Lucas Cranach the Elder

THE best known of Lucas Cranach the Elder's friends and sitters was Martin Luther, but, somewhat sadly, it is not that "beast of the waste wood", as Hopkins called him, who comes crawling into the painter's fevered brain on what this show tacitly suggests is his deathbed. In-stead, the last-gasp visitors are Venus, Eve and a series of fashionable ladies who somehow contrive to be not a lot less naked for wearing clothes. Old Lucas expires dreaming of faces, further south. Are Nicole Mossoux and Patrick

Bonte, Belgian co-creators of Last Hallucinations, right to claim that behind Cranach's "images of inno-cence and virtue" are "flashes of a very different world, shot through with sensuality, distortion and violence"? That is a question more safely directed at art than drama critics, though I myself would have thought that the celebrated Judgement of Paris — those grizzled military types, on the brink of moving from gloating to groping — was pretty

CONCERT

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NOBODY could accuse William Ma-

thias of being a trend-follower. But

his amazing fluency and consistency

over some 40 years have brought him considerable success. If he seldom

hits the headlines in England, his

compositions are in much demand in

both mainland Europe and America.

open about matters sexual. Nevertheless, the one-man, three-woman cast do succeed in what is presumably their main aim: to create a set of strange and haumting stage pictures.

They appear in little squares of light in what is eventually dimly revealed as

a pumice-coloured wall. There is a woman with a cylindrical red hat like Anna Cuspiniana's, one wearing feathers like the Duchess Katherine, and other less identifiable but doubtless authentic figures. An organ replaces creepy metallic noises, and then distant, airy chanting takes over, as they sway, turn, touch and gradually launch into more adventurous actions. A bishop puts out his ringed hand to be kissed, and somehow it ends up stroking first a face, then a breast. Women's fingers dance across a scrawny male torso. Eve elaborately tempts Adam with an apple that eventually lands in the hands of Venus, imperviously lazing in a niche below. So it goes on.

The show is probably aimed less at the homme moven sensuel than at the homme esthétique; but, as it turns out, there is something here for them both. It tells no story, eschews gymnastic display, and makes no bravura demands on its performers: it still has the imagination and quiet power to establish its own idiom and draw the spectator in.

as well as in his native Wales. From his new Violin Concerto,

commissioned by the Hallé Concerts

Society, it was easy to see why. Not

just because his gently acerbic style

can hardly give offence, nor even

because he writes with an undeniable and uncluttered musical logic, but

also because everything fits easily into

place. A moderately good youth orchestra would have little difficulty

in giving it a decent performance,

and it is easy to predict a fair success

the received tradition of classic violin

Moreover it builds comfortably on

#### THEATRE La Ronde

Watermans Arts Centre

BECAUSE of the success of the Max Ophuls film, Schmitzler's cycle of 10 playlets, Der Reigen, seems fated to be known over here by its French title. Following the riots that interrupted the play's Viennese premiere the playwright banned further produc-tions, a ban which remained until the copyright expired in 1981. After the sweet, fally cynicism of the film the harshness of the play comes

as a shock. Three of the women are young enough, and relatively innocent enough, to hope that an evening of love will bring them happiness; the other two have become hardened. and the men's attitudes range between coarseness and dim sentimentality. The elegance is in the form: Whore meets Soldier, Soldier meets Housemaid, Housemaid meets Young Man and so on, closing the circle when the Count wakes up in the Whore's wretched room and, in this production, a telephone rings to start another circle. Beside Schnitzler's undeceived studies of the hunt for sex the Ophuls film is froth.

Ceri Sherlock's production for Ac-BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE tors Touring Company follows the example of Shared Experience 10

concertos with hints of Mendelssohn,

Bruch and particularly Elgar - not

accompany the long cadenza in the

last movement but also in some of its

thematic material. And if that looks

like slightly double-edged praise, I

should add that the concerto is a

superb example of its genre.
But it will need a soloist as fine as

György Pauk, the dedicatee. He

played, as always, with effortless

lucidity, giving an awesome grace to

the angular and trill-laden lines. He

must take a lot of the credit for making the work sound so coherent.

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just in the strummed pizzicatos that

one actor and one actress. A more experienced pair could have the time of their life hopping between the different ages and classes but for an actor making his professional debut, the demands are heavy. Colin Warson's Soldier is properly brutal and for the Young Man he finds a nice line in callow hesitation but his older men lack weight and his Count does not convince. Victoria Scarborough nearly con-

years ago and performs the play with

vinces as the ageing Actress but is more at home with the nervously gushing Housemaid or the sparkle of the Sweet Young Girl. She is also persuasive, and comic too, when desire battles with convention in the heart of the Tourig Married Woman. the most interesting of the characters because she is caught at the moment of change. The costumes sing with colour -

powder pink dress, mustard yellow suit—though their modern style jars weindly with talk of cavalry officers. And while it is amusing to watch items of furniture accumulate at the side of the stage, the actors have to change the scenes themselves, and one of them has to change costume. Snatches of walts fill the time but these gaps suggest a carousel that has run out of customers, not the ceaseless, giddy whirl of lust. JEREMY KINGSTON

Sir Charles Groves conducted in a

characteristically unflappable man-ner; and the Hallé supported him well, with Hugh McKenna contributing a particularly well-turned oboe solo in the third movement. For the rest. Groves's unfussy approach brought well-judged playing in Beethoven's third Leonora overture and Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony both of which could benefit from a mite more edge. **DAVID FALLOWS** 

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2.15 Knots Landing. West coast drama spin-off from the Dallas stable (7456759) 3.00 The Odd Coapte. Small screen version of Neil. Simon's Broadway comedy hit (6930049).

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3.25 Bazaar presented by Nerys Hughes. Includes knitwear ideas from the Kaffe Fassett workshop; and details of borrowing money at only one per cent interest (6919566) only one per cent interest (09 15000).

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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Caefax) Weather-(391)
6.30 Regional News magazines (643) Northern freland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. The first of three pre-general election programmes in which members of the three leading political parties face the questioning of a studio audience comprised memby of young. people. This evening it is the Labour party's policies that are under the microscope and answering questions on them are Tony Blair, Ann Taylor, Gerald Keutman and John Smith, all members of Labour's front bench (s) (7049)
7.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. More comic chaos with Michael

Crawford as the accident-prone Frank Spencer (r) (827) 8.00 May to Decamber. Age-gap romantic cornedy starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefex) (3469)
8.30 Wildlife on One: Silvia — the Star Term.

 CHOICE: Trust Wildlife on One to come up with a good story. it concerns Sivia, an Arctic tern named after the Queen of Sweden. Her home is a small remote island off the Swedish coast but every July she takes off for a 30,000-mile round trip to the Anta far she has made it 21 times, the equivalent of flying to the moon and back. We know this because 21 years ago she was ringed. The film picks her up as she leaves the island for the 22nd Television technology is not good enough to follow a single bird to the edge of the world and back, though Swedish blologists are able to track groups of terms with radar. After following Silvia's flight path along the African coast and down to the pack loe of the Antarctic, home of penguins and whales, the cameras return to her Swedish rock hoping to record her homecoming. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3204) 9.30 Panorama: Getting Rid of Grancy. An investigation into the care of the elderly, including an inside look at private nursing homes

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11.00 Gardens: by Design. Includes advice on overcoming the difficulties of a sloping site (r). (Ceefax) (5049) Wales: Face Off
11.30 Skillshop (r) (s) (88812) Wales: Gardens by Design
12.00 Weather (6961995) Wales: (to 12.30am) Skillshop 12.05em Close
2.00 The Way Ahead. The first of 12 programmes explaining the new benefits for the dissibled which start in April (8902841). Ends at 2.15

8.00 BBC Breakfast News (1288204) 8.15 Westminster (1278827)
8.30 Antiques At Home. Michael Newman visits Athelhampton, a 14th-century house near Dorchester (r) (49556)

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2.00 News and weather (18336204) followed by Storytime (r) (70858198)

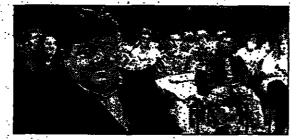
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the insect world (4198310)
3.00 News and weather (4652575) followed by Songs of Praise from Haarlem in The Netherlands (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1933933)

3.40 1 Could Do That. A new five-part series begins with a profile of model maker Alan Heaver (8276933) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (8272117) ord. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Coia (556)

4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Coia (556)
4.30 Behind the Headlines presented by Jane Corbin (440)
5.00 Cricicat: First Test. Highlights of the third day's play in the metch
at Christchurch between New Zealand and England (5827)
5.30 Film 92 with Barry Nozman (r) (s) (420)
6.00 A Question of Sport (r). (Ceets:) (933)
6.30 100 Great Sporting Moments. Torvill and Dean winning their first
world championship in 1981 (r) (631827)
6.40 DEF II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. Cornedy about a

street-wise inner-city Pittsburgh teenager sent to live with wealthy relations in affluent California (483117)



In the hot seat: Glaswegian actor Robbie Coltrane (7.05pm)

7.05 Open to Question, Actor Robbie Cottrane faces questions from an audience of young people (102556)
7.40 Voices from the Past, India and the Maharatahs. The series of early films with sound continues with this record of American st millionaire Lawrence Thaw and his wife Peggy touring India in 1939

OCHOICE: For a thousand years scientists knew only two forms of pure carbon, diamond and graphite. John Lynch's film relates the discovery of a third, it is a fascinating story, involving a British chemist from Sussex university and an American professor from Houston, Texas. Herry Korto, the Briton and Rick Smalley, the American, stumbled on the new form of carbon in 1965. The molecule was the shape of a soccer ball and had structural affirities with the domes which were the hallmark of the architect Buckminster Fuller. Korto and Smalley named their discovery Buckminsterfulierene, though it has also gone by the less romanti name of C60. Ironically it took two physicists, another American and a colleague in Germany, to bring the carbon ball to production. Korto and Smalley were scooped but unbowed. Now the world is awaiting the practical applications. These could be in new polymers, in lubricants or in molecular ball-bearings. (Ceefax) (s) 283551)

ye Cruel World. Conclusion of Tony Marchant's moving drama about a middle-eged woman who contracts a rare and latal muscle-wasting disease. With Sue Johnston and Alun Armstrong. (Ceefax) (s) (7399) 10.00 The Pa irers' Revue. Comedy and magic from Jerry Sadowitz

with Dreenagh Darrell (s) (44001)

10.30 Newshight presented by Jeremy Pagner (857759)
11.15 The Late Show. Includes an interview with John Keene, the official Gulf war artist (s) (341846)
11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (829448)

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9.25 Keynotes. Music game for two teams, presented by Alistair Divall (6234372) 9.55 Thames News (6816198) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by Mike Scott (5953662)

10.40 This Morning. Family megazine introduced by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes features on food, wine, gardening, interior design and practical and medical help for children. With national and international news at 10.55 followed by regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (3047117) 12.10 Rosie and Jim. Pupper series for children (9432914)
12.30 News. (Oracle) Weather (5090730) 1.10 Thames News

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1.20 Home and Away. Australian (amily drama serial. (Oracle) (61072643) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a small Australian outback fown (s) (60049117)

2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Sprackley previews her week's community action series (36232989) 2.50 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (9600943) 3.15 ITN News headlines (4662952) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4669665) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama

6926204) osie Smith. Adventures of a little girl (4625198) 4.00 T-Bag and the Sunstones of Montezuma. Comedy drame with the green witch (4635575) 4.25 Chip 'n' Dale — Rescue Rangers. Animation (2839846) 4.50 Utterly Brilliant. Timmy Mallett learns to rap with the Ruthless Rap Assassins (4888681)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (6544778)

5.40 News. (Oracle) Weather (305339)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of holidays for people with special needs (604488) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Oracle) (759)

8.39 Thames News (Oracle) (339)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? England football captain Gary Lineker and his wife Michelle tour Barcelona; Judith Chalmers samples the Caribbean delights of Antigua and Nevis; and John Carter reveals the winner of the British section of the Tourism for Tomorrow awards. (Oracle) (s) (2117) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle de) (223)

8.90 No Job for a Lady. Alex Shearer's benign but perceptive political comedy starring Penelopa Keith as Labour MP Jean Price, in this episode becoming involved in a child custody battle. (Oracle) (s)



Campaigning against noise pollution: Spike Milligan (8.30pm)

8.30 World in Action. An investigation into the laws governing noise pollution. Among the programme's findings are that police are reluctant and environmental health officers powerless to stop noisy all-night perties. Sufferers include Spike Milligan, patron of the "Right to Peace and Quiet Campaign", and the campaign's organiser Val Gibson (7152) 9.00 Film: Night of the Fox (1990) starring George Peppard and

Michael York. The first of a two-part made-for-television thriller, adapted from the Jack Higgins novel. The story is based on actual events from the second world war involving the European undercover work of an American professor (continues after the news). (Cesfax) (s) (7533) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (48827) 10.30 Thames News

19.40 Film: Night of the Fox continued. Concluding part tomorrow night

(756469) 11.30 Magnum. Concluding part of another investigation by the Hawaii based private eye, starring Tom Selfeck (30681)

12.30am Sportsworld Extra. The final six holes of a US Skins game in

California featuring Payne Stewart, John Daly, Curtis Strange and Jack Nicklaus (69995 1.30 Film: Save the Tiger (1973) starring Jack Lemmon in an Oscar-

Lou Paine Save the I Iger (1973) starting Jack Lemmon in an Oscarwinning performance as a middle-aged man suffering from a midlife crisis. Directed by John G. Avidsen (54402)
 3.30 American College Football (31452)
 4.30 Stage 1. The Scottish band Big Country in concert (51773)
 5.30 FTN Morning News (29860). Ends at 6.00

Hell (1989): Violent fantasy (76565) 4.00 83 Hours TR Dawn (1990). Robert Unch has 83 hours to rescue his kidnepped daughter (297709). Ende et 5.35

Evis Presley (865885) 12.15pm First Men in the Moon (1964): A Victorian inventor builds a spaceship

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8.00 Channel 4 Daily (6465020) 9,25 Schools (44136466)

12.00 Right to Reply. Robert Kilroy-Silk replies to criticism that his programme provokes rows rather than discussion (r) (38440) 12.30 Business Daily The latest news from the financial markets,

presented by Susannah Simons (97681) 1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (92136)



Questioned on all sides: murder suspect John Mills (2.00pm)

2.00 Firm: The October Man (1947, b/w). Delt psychological thriller staining John Mills as a man who becomes depressed after an accident and is suspected of the murder of a model (Kay Walsh).
With a screenplay by Eric Ambler and a carefully constructed suburban setting. Directed by Roy Baker (675049)

3.45 The Italian in Algiers. Italian animation by Luzzati and Gianni based on a Rossiri opera (6465440)

4.80 Hour Rose Your General Grants A visit to a heartful Downcotrols.

4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? A visit to a beautiful Downpatrick

garden which was once a derelict quarry (r) (952)
4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game

presented by Richard Whiteley (136) 5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show hosted by Gay Byme (2730)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy starring Bill Cosby 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are Dudley Moore, Kybe Minogue and Belgian actor and karate champion Jean-Claude Van

Damme (681)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (772339)

7.50 Comment (941001) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (9407) 8.30 Desmond's. Cornedy series set in a Peckham barber's (8914) 9.00 The Falklands War.

CHOICE: Part two of this excellent series covers the abortive diplomatic moves to avoid the Falklands conflict and the first skirmishes. The strength of the project has been in persuading so many leading participants, from Britain, the United States and Argentina, to go before the camera and, having done so, to speak frankly. It is a marvellous way of bringing out the disagreements, whether it is Al Haig against Casper Weinberger, Haig against Mrs Thatcher or British service chiefs against each other. The film reveals how the re-taking of South Georgia, so valuable to Mrs Thatcher politically, was very nearly a fiasco with two helicopters lost trying to rescue an SAS contingent. There is detailed treatment of the sinking of the Argentine cruiser, General Belgrano. It may not throw up new evidence but it must revive the debate about whether the loss of 323 lives was militarily justified. Ceefax) (8865)

nething. Addictive American drama about the ups and downs of a group of seven friends in their mid-30s (873575) 10.55 Global Image: Stranger in our Midst.

◆ CHOICE: A feature-length documentary by the American filmmaker Andrea Primdahl is a detailed and passionate indictment of the United States treatment of refugees from Central America. One strand consists of the desperate individual stories of people who have fled El Savador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatema Another sets this huge exodus in the context of civil war and persecution. The statistics are startling. During the 1980s two million Salvadorans left their homeland. The film argues that the refugee problem has been inflamed by United States policy of propping up Central American regimes perceived to be anti-Communist. The bigger charge is that when these unfortunates reach the United States, their are denied the human rights laid down in international law Their fate is often to be herded into detention camps that violate the Geneva Convention and then seni back (88117643)

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in A minor for four harpsichorde and strings, SWV 1065); Bach, transcr list (introduction and Fugue,

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1.00pm News
1.05 BSC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London Frank Peter Zimmerman, violin, Alexander

Brehms (Scherzo in C minor, PAE Soneta), Revel (Soneta in G); Beethoven (Soneta in G); Beethoven (Soneta in F, Ob 24, Spring)

2.00 Third Opinion (r)

2.05 Heirz Holliger conducts and plays with the Lassanne Chamber Orchestra, Haydin (Symphony No. 48 in F minor, La Passione); Sandor Vereas (Begy for bartene, strings and harp, Passanagila concertants for obce and strings), Heydin (Symphony No. 70 in D)

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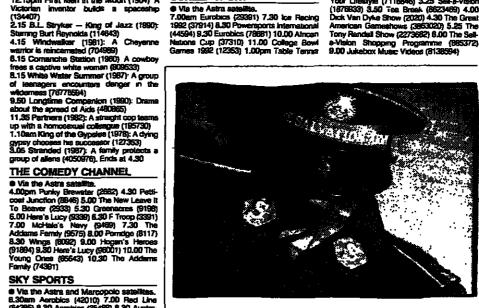
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6.55am Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Weber
(Piene Concerto No 2 in E flat,
Op 32) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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(Méditation, Op 42 No 1):
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(Sonata)
4.50 Gillian Weir, organ, plays
Attaignant (Dances);
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and No 12 in 10; Hindemäth
(Sonata No 2); Bonnet
(Variations de Concert, Op 1);
Parker (Allegretto, Sonata in E
flat minor)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with
Andrew Green
7.80 News

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear Third Ear

CHOICE: What
distinguishes the opera work
of the American
choreographer Bill T. Jones is
not so much that he expects
singers to go on singing while
his dancers go on dencing,
but that in dence operas such
as Last Supper, he calls for
the entire company (with the
exception of his 75-year-old
mother) to strip to their sidne
and, in operas such as The
Mother of Three Sons, he sets
himself the daunting tesk of
creating dance patterns that
suggest a woman copulating
with a sexy river and
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7.30 Susse Romande Orchestra under Armin Jardan performs Schubert (Overture in the Italian Style, D 550); Beethoven (Pisno Concerto No 4 in G, Op 58; Redu Lupu); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring)
8.55 Britten Singers (Fill only from 9.25) under Stephen Wilkinson sing Meconchy (Creatures); John McCabe (Poems of James Clarence Mangen)
8.25-5.00es: Test Match Special (MW only); New Zealand v England; Fourth day, first Test
9.40 After Haydn (Fill only); In the first of three programmes, Leonardo Trio performs Haydn (Trio in E, H XV 29); Reethoven (Trio in E flat, Op 70 No 2)
10.30 Meding It (FM only), with Robert Sandell and Mark Russell
11.30 News (FM only)
11.35-12.35as Composers of the Week (FM only); Handel (f)
1.06-2.25 Night School (FM only)
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Lovegrove News: Daily Service (LW only) from St German's Church, 10.00 Ne Cardiff 10.15 The Bible (LW only): Daniel. Alec McCowen reads the last of five episodes

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10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Janet Suzman concludes her reading of Occasion for Loving by Nacine Gordiner, incl 11.00 News

11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580

4411. Vincent Duggleby takes calls on how best to manage your money. Lines open from 10am

12.90 News; You and Yours

12.25mm My Music: Steve Race

12.25pm My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis and Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s) 12,55

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News, The Labyrinth Makers:
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of Anthony Price's Silver Dagger award winning crime novel. Staming John Stride as Dr David Audley and Paula Wilcox se Faith (s) (r) 3.30 Only Connect. Professor Akba Ahmed laiks to the fourth of

sub-continent who have influence in Britain. Steel magnate Swrai Paul is the tounder of the Indo-British

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope listens to the
Salford Big Band; reviews
John Updike's *Odd Jobs*; and
contemplates the forthcoming
visit of the American visit of the American
composer Philip Glass (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Devil, the Nun
and the Tango Dancer, by
Michael Carson (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
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6.00 Six O'Clock News
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Parsons hosts the fast-talking panel show (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (FM only): The difficulties of 7.50-8.00 Treasure islands (FM only): Jenni Mills steps into the magical world of C.S. Lewis's

Nama (r)
7.20 Women's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 The Monday Play One-Way
Ticket to Palookaville

• CHOICE: Michael Chaplan has written something rare for radio: a play that makes us care deeply about its characters, it has a marvellous feet for time (summer, 1990), place (industrial Northumbrian coast), people (working class) and political environment

(crumbling of communism in eastern Europe, and the echoes of the falling Berlin Wall that travel across the North See to Blyth). The play local point is the worker in a shipbreakers' yard (Christian Rodska), whose communist ideals are put to the test. A grim play? Not at all. It is shot

grim play? Not at an. It is sho through with gritly humour and compassion (s) 9.30 Kalendoscope (s) (1) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtame: Poodle Springs by Reymond Springs, by Raymond Chandler and Robert B Parker Abridged and read by William Roberts (7 of 8) (s) 11.00 Hancock's Half Hour Hancock

in Hospital. Starring Tony Hancock (4 of 5) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Hispanic boy betnends an architect (64440)
12.00 The Crowded Sty (198) Aeroplane
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10.15 Prisori (1988) An executed prisoner returns to haunt his former celimates (318469)

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# Tinseltown hedges bets in Oscar prelude

The controversial film, JFK, was the talking point at the Golden Globe awards, reports William Cash

THE race for Oscars got underway in Los Angeles at the weekend with the 49th Golden Globe awards, the Tinseltown equivalent of the New Hampshire primary which act as a divining rod for the Academy Awards in

Although Disney's ani-mated fairy-tale Beauty and the Beast took three awards, ners. Jodie Foster was named best actress for The Silence of the Lambs. and Nick Noite Best Actor for Prince of Tides.

Members of the Hollywood foreign press associ-ation joined the still-raging controversy over Oliver Stone's film JFK, by awarding the iconoclastic former Vietnam veteran the coveted Golden Globe for best director. The film is being attacked. I am being attacked. a million words are being wasted on that. A terrible lie was told to us. I've just tried

ceremony.

Beamed live to more than 70 countries worldwide from the ballroom of the luxurious Beverly Hilton, Stone received his Globe from JFK's star Kevin Costner. who added his own defence of the film. "I can't think of anyone who would do what Oliver has done, we should not run and hide from this movie," Costner said.

to stop it," Stone said at the

Backstage, Donald Sutherland, the British actor. also in JFK, said: "Whether you like it or not, in ten years time the movie is going to be seen as one of the most important films of our era."

Wearing a dashing, yellow silk waistcoat, Warren Beatty appeared genuinely sur-prised to receive the award for starring in best motion picture, Bugsy, the gangland love story about the notorious Las Vegas pioneer Ben-jamin Bugsy Siegel, directed by Barry Levinson. "There's







Golden moment: from left Jodie Foster and Burt Reynolds holding awards. Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis were both nominated for best actress

an old Hollywood axiom that a happy picture is not necessarily a good picture. This picture flies in the face of that axiom," Beatty said. Actress Bette Midler

broke down in tears on stage after being named best actress for a musical or comedy in For The Boys. She spoke of her disappointment that it wasn't a box office success in America.

Other awards went to Robin Williams, best actor in a comedy or musical, in The Fisher King and best screenplay went to Callie Khouri for the acclaimed Thelma & Louise. There was some surprise

that British actor Anthony Hopkins was not amongs the Globe winners for his memorable performance as Dr Hannibal Lecter in The Silence of the Lambs. In Nick Nolte's acceptance speech for best actor in drama he confessed that he thought Hopkins was the man who really deserved to

Britain did get one award

however with LA Law star Amanda Donohoe named best supporting actress on

Ten years ago the Golden Globe awards were brought into disrepute and taken off television for a year after an investigation into petite singer, Pia Zadora's. award for Best Newcomer. It turned out the voting had been rigged after her rich husband, Meshulam Riklis. had taken a group of Hollywood foreign press associ-ation members on an expensive junket at one of his Las Vegas hotels.

Since then however, the Globes have fought successfully to regain prestige within Hollywood. For many of Hollywood's movers and shakers, the appeal of the Golden Globe awards is that the evening has an informal cocktail party flavour in stark contrast to the seriousness of Oscar night.

• The nominations by the London Film Critics Circle as the best film of 1991 are the awards, known as Aifs, will be announced on Febru-

Director of the year: Joel Coen (Miller's Crossing), Jonathan Demme (The Siience of the Lambs). Alan Parket (The Commitments), John Sayles (City of Hope) and Ridley Scott (Thelma & Louise).

Actor of the year includes: Gerard Depardien (Cyrano de Bergerac), Anthony Hopkins (The Silence of the Lambs) Joe Mantegna (Homicide, Alice).



Stone: winner of the. best director award

## Women still find there is no room at the top

Continued from page 1 change from the days of the old boy network to a meritocracy. "Things are changing women.

The findings are unlikely to please John Major who launched his Opportunity 2000 project and charter for women last October with the specific aim of promoting the role of women at the top of

Britain's most powerful organisations including government departments.

powerful argument in the promotion stakes. Some women who have fought against male bias to reach top positions said yesterday that a major change in attitude is an impact with private com-

panies lagging behind the public sector. Too many positions are filled according to Women themselves are ex- the old boy network which

Gillian Shephard, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, who is regarded as being an example of the government's commitment to needed before women make high profiles for women, said the figures were a disgrace.

"This shows that Opportunity 2,000 has hit the spot by highlighting the problem. What we must do is ensure the companies who are not interested in promoting women. Companies targetted by the launch and government departments are all working away at present and will report back to the prime minister soon," she said.

#### Ministers scotch April 9 rumour Continued from page 1

improve Tory prospects, Mr Major said that the slowing world economy had delayed Britain's recovery. But were at a different stage of the economic cycle and would come out of recession earlier than our competitors. The basics of recovery had been established to prepare Britain for the most competitive environment ever after 1992, and

it was crucial to keep down inflation.

"To throw away the chance of actually putting all those economy in place would be absolute folly and we won't do it," Mr Major said.

In the nearest he came to a Budget hint, Mr Major argued that tax cuts were good both for increasing personal choice and encouraging investment in Britain by foreign

companies.
The Harris poll indicates the government is escaping 43 per cent blaming Margaret Thatcher, 28 per cent blaming an international stump, and 9 per cent blatning the Major government.

> Peter Riddell, page 12 Mothers' tax hope, page 2

## Iran was behind hostage releases Continued from page 1

ministration officials quoted in an investigation by The Washington Post of events leading up to last year's final flurry of releases. According to another official: "The road

to the hostages ran through

Tehran."

American efforts under President Reagan to deal secretly with Iran over hostages often ended in farce with what came to be known as the Iran-Contra scandal. The Post does not rake over the fran-Contra affair but does contain the first public admission of a more recent connection between the Bush administration's efforts to free the hostages and its periodic agreements to unfreeze Iranian assets: But there was no formal agreement that could be called a deal.

Abraham Sofaer, the State Department's legal adviser early in the Bush administration, said he asked to be allowed to speed up negotiations in The Hague to settle American and Iranian finandal daims resulting from the overthrow of the shah.

Mr Sofaer said this police was approved by both the State Department and the White House and there was no doubt whatsoever that what we were doing was helping to aid Iran in the release of the hostages". Iran had repeatedly linked its co-operation over hostages' to the unfreezing of its assets.

Mr Sofaer emphasised.

however, that various Iranian ciaims were resolved on a legally correct basis and Amcrica did only "what was entirely proper and what we were obligated to do under international law".

The officials clearly feel fre er to speak now that all Western hostages are safely home. but they maintained to the Post that the underlying reason for the final burst of releases was frank need to win Western economic help to rebuild its war shattered economy and Washington's unwillingness to bargain. The single most important

event was the Gulf war, during which Iraqi forces freed 15 Iranian terrorists imprisington and Tehran, sharing a common cause, communicated frequently through intermediaries Kamal Kharrazi, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, called the charges that Iran directly controlled the hostage-takers

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,819

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2 "Give every man thine ear, but

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21 Having a way with 21 ac. (5).

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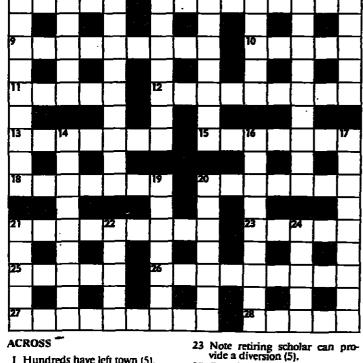
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**ACROSS** 

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By Philip Howard GAELICS

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Answers on page 16

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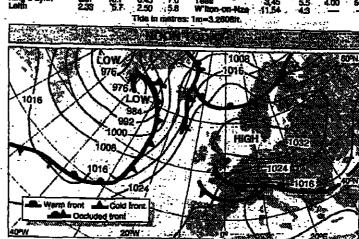
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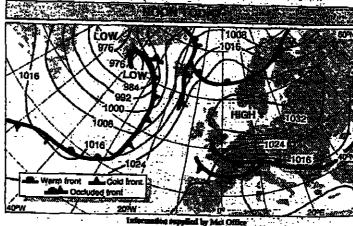
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# THE TIMES BUSINESS

MONDAY JANUARY 20 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

MAN OF THE WEEK

#### Lonrho's legend faces the facts

A 174. Tiny Rowland, the enigmatic head of Loutho, is the oldest *enfant terribl*e in town. When not using his private jet to visit African dignitaries, he ensconces himself in Lonrho's City headquarters in Cheapside, murturing an empty diary in readiness for the truly sensational invitation. Like a wizard weaving spells, he has, over the years, created an aura of mystique and sorcery so that no one is quite sure if he is fact or fantasy.

Frequently reported as suffering from a mysterious illness — in fact, it is malaria, which comes and goes — some say he keeps going on spleen. Waging wars of venom, he displays quite extraordinary condenses and some say a special say of the splays quite extraordinary condenses and say the say of the dinary endurance as his seven-year campaign against the Payed broth-ers over House of Fraser shows. More recently, he astonished the City with his deft dispatch of would-be predator Alan

astly rich and dev-astatingly hand-some, he can be a warm and loyal friend. showing a penchant for befriending the needy, such as Sir Freddie Laker and Ernest Saunders.

With select exceptions, he leaves his press rela-tions to the officious care of Paul Spicer, his deputy chairman. Those whom he does favour with his presence become in-stantly bewitched by his



Rowland: charm

charm. "It is as if he sprinkles fairy dust over them and their vision becomes quite distort-Fate is not smiling on

Rowland at the moment. When Lonriso announces its annual results, analysts expect profits to have fallen from £273 million to about £255 million against a back-ground of weak metal

orrowings have Brisen to about 70 per cent and there is speculation that the dividend will be cut. Doubtless, Rowland will shrug it off with his usual disdain for the City and the establishment. But love him or hate him. Tiny Rowland is one of the few men of whom it can be said, he is a legend in his own

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

**US** dollar

90.4 (same)

FT 30 share

1966.8 (+92.6)

FT-SE 100

2536.7 (+58.8)

3264.98 (+65.52)

1.7857 (-0.0198)

German mark

2.8509 (+0.0123)

Exchange index

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STOCK MARKET

New York Dow Jones

Tokyo Nikkai Avga

21321.37 (-1060.53)

## Stores helped by Sunday trading

# Christmas sales rise by less than expected

By George Sivell and Gillian Bowditch

RETAILERS had a better Christmas in 1991 than the previous year but trading was not as strong as they had predicted, the CBI's monthly Distributive Trades Survey reports this morning. The 502 retailers surveyed said sales last month were up on a year ago but by far less fluor they had expected in November

responses.
The survey precedes government retail sales figures this morning that are expected by Chyecomomists to show no change between November and a slight rise on December and a slight rise on December 1990. The figures will provide modest comfort to a government looking for signs of an economic upturn as it heads towards a general

The Chambers of Com-mence quarterly survey of the economy is published on

to the sharp rise in the dollar

rading nations meet in

Tae joint action, which was

surprised the foreign ex-

change markets. It came

amid indications that the

American authorities felt that

the present levels of the dollar

were adequate, and wrong-

footed dealers who had re-

garded the dollar as a one-

way bet, particularly in the

light of strong recent in-

creases in American shares. A

low dollar would also help

American exports, easing the

country's struggle to emerge

Washington.

US calls a halt to

dollar's rapid rise

By OUR ECONOMICS STAFF

AMERICA has called a halt from recession. On Friday,

after heavy central bank in-er, closing almost 4 yen down tervention from New York at 124.45 yen. Against the

and Tokyo just a week before - mark, the dollar fell from

taken late on Friday night, cline connected with the 0.5

cent.

the Group of Seven leading DM 1.6265 to 1.5920.

Wednesday. It will coincide with industrial output figures expected to show no change from October and a fall of .more than 2 per cent on the previous year. Looking to January, the retailers surveyed by the CBI expect sales volumes to slip below last year's levels, the first monthly fall since last

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBPs distributive trades panel, says: "The heavy price discounting seen throughout December did not produce the boost in trade that retailers had hoped for. As I warned last month, this price cutting may well have led consumers to make purchases in December they would otherwise have made in the January sales."

On wholesalers, Mr Whittaker comments: "Following three months of year-on-year December slipped below the already depressed levels of a year ago. December's setback

the dollar ended sharply low-

The rise in the dollar

started on January 9, and

came after a prolonged de-

percentage point rise in the

German lombard rate to 9.75

per cent, and the 1 percent-

age point drop in the Ameri-

can discount rate to 3.5 per

was boosted further on com-

ments last week by Hans

Tietmeyer, vice president of

the Bundesbank, that Ger-

man interest rates were to

remain high for a consider-

Confidence in the mark

had not been anticipated. and led to a further build up of stocks." However, the big food retailers that opened on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas benefited from the experience, according to Verdict, the market research group. Sainsbury, Tesco, Argyll and Asda continue to open a number of their stores on Sundays. Verdict believes the Sunday grocery trade will eventually be worth about £2.5 billion in sales, most of which will be shifted from other days of the week.

Verdict says it will take time for the public to change their shopping habits and for any realistic assessment of Sun-day trading to be made but it says Sunday trading is here to stay and has the backing of the majority of the public.

The big stores have the flexibility to adjust costs in the week to make up for the additional costs of opening on a Sunday," the latest Verdict report on grocers and dict report on grocers and supermarkets says. "The greater convenience of being open on a rest day, when all the family can shop, should act to expand the market. With its greater non-food offer, Asda in particular should benefit".

Verdict ethe grocers sector.

turnover of the grocery sector rose by 9.9 per cent in 1991 to reach £44 billion. This compares with a 3.8 per cent increase in total non-food retail sales. Of the grocery increase, 6.2 per cent was due new floor space, leaving 0.2

per cent volume growth. Asda, the supermarket group, today launches an "extra value" special offer campaign in an attempt to boost sales, although other supermarkets are playing down talk of a price war and shrugging off Asda's challenge.

Tesco said: "We are just treating it as a normal price promotion and we will not be making any direct response." Sainsbury, which launched its own "January sale" a fortnight ago, does not comment



#### Calling the shots: Sir Peter Parker, chairman of the management bid for MGN Parker in driving seat of MGN management bid

SIR Peter Parker, the former chairman of British Rail, has been confirmed as chairman of the management consortium that hopes to buy Mirfor Group Newspapers, now under the control of administrators to Robert Maxwell's private businesses.

The appointment comes at the end of a week in which rivals Pearson and Mercury Asset Management announced they would not bid for MGN. An earlier interested party, Lonrho, also withdrew. All three groups have been deterred by the huge sums of

money reported to be missing from the Mirror pension funds, the transfer of which is now the subject of a Serious Fraud Office enquiry. The only remaining interest in buying MGN comes from the management consortium and a consortium being put together by Hambros Bank.

Yesterday, Sir Peter said a well administrators, would enable all pension entitlements to be met. "I would have nothing to do with anything that would not meet the obligations of pensioners. One could not go forward unless there were answers to the reported loss of £500 million from the pension fund

and corporate treasury." Sir Peter, who chairs Evered Bardon, Missubishi Electric UK and the London School of Economics, said he had been brought on board by Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra, the investment trust backing the

BY MATTHEW BOND management team. He added that he had never had any business dealings with Robert Maxwell, but had met him on many occasions. "I once did a

remember he pocketed it." With the appointment taking immediate effect, the consortium will push for an early deal. However, MGN's 1991 accounts, which should identify assets and liabilities and quantify the pension fund shortfall, are not expected be-

fore March. Sir Peter said: "The Mirror papers are in a market that gives no quarter. Time is absolutely crucial. If this whole thing just drags on, there could be a deterioration in morale and a deterioration in the assets."

Richard Ston, eano Daily Mirror and until now leader of the consortium, said: "The appointment of Sir Peter advances our proposals and we look forward to his assistance and considerable experience in dealing with the various parties now involved with MGN."

Liquidator's threat, page 3 Diary, page 12 Comment, page 23 | rationalisation costs.

## **Finance** director expected to leave at BAe

BRITISH Aerospace is expected to announce the resignation of Dudley Eustace, its finance director, this week. The expected departure of Mr Eustace, who was appointed in 1988, follows a traumatic year for Britain's largest exporter, and amounts to yet another change in the company's top management after last year's resignation of Professor Sir

Roland Smith as chairman. The company confirmed that it is in negotiations over the settlement of an indemnity claim by Asda, the super-market chain, in respect of a £450 million property deal

struck in late 1989. The contract was over the establishment of a joint venture retail property group, Burwood House, which incorporated some of Asda's superstores and some development properties of Ar-lington, BAe's property subsidiary. The contract, however, contained an indemnity clause under which Asda would be reimbursed by Arlington in case of a fall in the market value of Arlington's properties that were brought into the joint venture company. It is understood that an independent valuation estimated that between December 1989 and December 1990 the market value of these properties had

fallen by £80 million. BAe, although confirming that it is in negotiations with Asda, did not want to speculate on the amount of any eventual settlement. The company said: "We were not in possession of a claim before our rights issue. We have made provisions in our accounts that would meet our oonganons in inal respect

The developments come a the end of a particularly difficult year for BAe, which has been affected by the world downturn in aerospace and car manufacturing. Management changes come after the flop of a £432 million rights issue in October, with less than 5 per cent of shares being taken up by investors. The company forecast a net loss after £250 million of

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# Germany fears recession

JURGEN Möllemann, Germany's controversial economics minister, says the German economy will fall into recession, "if we make the wrong decisions" (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

In what amounts to his most outspoken warning so far on the state of the economy, Herr Möllemann singled out the country's trade unions, some of which have demanded pay rises of more than 10 per cent at a time when Germany is struggling to contain inflation, which is now more than 4 per cent. At a meeting of the Free

Democratic Party, the Bonn coalition's junior partner, of

which he is a leading mem-ber, Herr Möllemann said: Those who push wage unit costs higher than productivity now will boost inflation and interest rates, reduce competitiveness and kill jobs in

The economics minister

and trade union leaders have recently engaged in a series of bitter exchanges, each side accusing the other of aggravating the country's already difficult economic position. He also called for strong

Germany."

reductions in government spending, a most difficult task in a country where spending cuts are normally regarded a taboo subject.

"The alternative is more debt or higher taxes or sacrificing investment or sacrificing jobs or a combination of all these." Herr Möllemann said ear-

lier that he downgraded growth prospects for this year from more than 2.5 per cent to between 1 and 2 per cent. This forecast will form part of a wider economic assessment. which will be presented to the government by the end of this month. For the eastern part of Germany, the forecast will reaffirm previous predictions of 10 per cent growth this

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# THE COUNTDOWN



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# Privateers privatise privatisation

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S experimental privatisation-through-vouchers scheme was never going to be easy, but few would have expected such a mess so early in the process.

Today, the Czechoslovak finance ministry is expected to announce a ten-day halt to the voucher registration process in order to guarantee sufficient supplies and also to find out why vouchers have "gone missing" and how many vouchers have been amassed by speculators. Western advisers to Vaclay Klaus, fi-

nance minister, predicted the sheer logistical effort of the distribution and registration of the vouchers and the establishment of an orderly market would pose a formidable problem.

Czechoslovakia has adopted a mass privatisation scheme under which each schilt citizen is entitled, for a fee of 1,000 korunas (E20) or about a third of a monthly wage, to investment vouchers, which can later be translated into shares in the country's companies.

The result is that part of the state-owned industry can be turned over to the people directly, with the benefit that the ensuing restructuring process would receive greatly increased public



Klaus: determined to sail on

support. The deadline for registration is the end of this mouth. By the end of December 700,000 Czechoslovaks had registered for the scheme, but this number has risen now to almost two million, after private funds and speculators offered to buy vouchers at many times the registration price, and many more people are now queueing up, causing shortages.

It is also becoming clear that many Czechosłovak citizens treat privatisation not much differently than the British did during the Eighties. Many

cople take their entitlements and then sell them for a quick profit, effectively wiping out the political benefits of the

So, there is a growing risk that in zechoslovakia, like elsewhere in Eastern Europe, shareholdings will be concentrated among a number of institutions. Many of the operators employ sales staff across the country to try to wean citizens off their vouchers. To prevent a complete abuse of the

system, the privatisation ministers of the Czech and the Slovak republics have agreed to a ten-day voucher moratorium, to take stock of the situation, but since this is a federal scheme, the final word is with Mr Klaus's ministry. The process, due to have started last

autumn, has already been postponed once to allow companies to pursue their own privatisation alternatives.

Mr Klaus might agree to a registra-

tion moratorium, but his determination to proceed with the scheme should not be underestimated. It is, after all, the flagship of his policies. But then, Britain's community charge, which has also not quite worked in the intended way, and suffers from similar logistical difficulties, was once also hailed as a

# Yesterday, Sir Peter said a condition of taking the job was that any deal agreed by the consortium and the Maxthe consorti

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# Hanson has them guessing over a European deal

best-known takeover specialist, is increasingly casting his eyes towards continental Europe now the playing field for the purchaser has had one or two of the more conspicuous bumps flattened out by the European Community.

This was the main message from a meeting of French analysts in Paris, one of a series of annual get-togethers for brokers in the French capital and in Zurich and Geneva, on all of whose stock exchanges Hanson is listed.

But the massed chief executives of Corporate Europa should not break out into a cold sweat just yet. The acquisitive peer is happier these days with a friendly approach. Hanson's last two decent-sized purchases, Beazer, the building group, and Con-solidated Gold Fields, have been bids for groups enthusiastic enough to assent to the Hanson treatment. Meanwhile the chemical warfare is continuing over the purchase of 2.8 per cent of ICI last

But Peter Harper, chair-man of Hanson's British industrial division, told the French that in any event Hanson would prefer a friendly acquisition, adding that European Community

Ambitious: Raschid (left) and Osman Abdullah

Never a dull day

with Starmin

INVESTORS who followed

the Abdullah brothers into

the company now known as

Starmin have had plenty of

excitement in the past two

years. Three rights issues and

a series of acquisitions set the

pattern for rapid growth and

Shares in Starmin, former-

ly known as SI Group, an

ailing manufacturer of drink

dispensing equipment, soared in Sentember 1989

after Raschid and Osman

Abdullah took a controlling

stake, raising expectations of

the sort of growth once en-

joyed by Evered, their previous vehicle.

The brothers wasted little

time in redirecting Starmin

into quarries and building

products, a sector they know

well, calling on the City for

funds to finance acquisitions

three times, with each rights

issue larger than the previous

one. The hectic pace set by the

Abdullahs was no less than

and it is clear that the com-

pany harbours further expan-

£300,000 in its final year

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a volatile share price.

Hanson is looking over companies on the Continent.

Martin Waller considers the motive behind this move

bid rules have yet to be tested. Mr Harper put Hanson's war chest, or borrowing power, at £15.8 billion, even after paying for Beazer. "We want to move into continental Europe. The opportunity for such a move we have not yet dis-covered," he said. Hanson had been seeking opportunities in continental Europe for the last three to five years but had always been held back from buying a European firm thwarted by hidden laws.

Now the European Commission has the power to rule on cross-border EC buys, and we applaud that power." Mr Harper said. Hanson has better connections in France and Spain than other European ountries, he added.

Alexander Notter, an assotiate director, said the Swedish approach to business had impressed Hanson, but targets in other countries were

annual shareholders' meeting on January 28. They were left scratching their heads over the French pronouncement. Hanson is well known to be big Over Here, in Britain, and Over There, in America, but so far has precious little Over In That Direction, in continental Europe, and that little

picked up only by accident

with other purchases

We reserve our position,"

said Mr Harper, adding that

any outcome was possible

British analysts will have

their chance to question Lord

Hanson at a half-day briefing

at the QEII Centre in London

on February 14, or earlier if they can collar him after the

beli in lile

Martin Taylor, the Hanson vice chairman, confirmed that the only manufacturing facility was a jacuzzi factory near Venice and the only real business was in exports. He said recent rules relating to mergers emanating from Brussels had, however, quickened the group's interest in

Analysts were more dubi-ous, several ascribing the statement to a need to say something vaguely European at a European gathering rather than to any more concrete plans. Mike Murphy at Warburg Securities said: 'I'm sure they are looking in continental Europe, but the language barriers are still

there and always have been. Language and cultural barriers are greater than legal ones. I don't think you should read into this that a big Euro-

pean acquisition is likely." Charles Pick at Nomura Research Institute thought that although the European market was now easier to break into, prices were still too high for corporate buyerslike Hanson. "It does seem that they perceive it as a bit of a deficiency that they are so US- and UK-oriented at the moment, although that's been the basis of their

A third Hanson-watcher, less keen to prognosticate in public view given the group's proven ability to wrongfoot forecasters, said: "We still the UK or US even though the UK is looking a touch on

One problem in Europe for the normal Hanson modus operandi. which involves sending a boarding party stripping out the costs and selling the streamlined and renovated vessel at a profit, is the difficulty of shedding staff in most countries, where the laws on redundancy are com-



# Foresters split over privatisation

CALLS for an early privatisation of the Forestry Commission, which could swell government coffers by more than £1 billion, have divided the forestry industry.

A split in the serried ranks of those who grow Britain's month of two papers calling for the already-postponed pri-

The Centre for Policy Studies, publisher of What's Good for Woods, a paper written by Robert Rickman of Forestry Investment Management, is to hold a conference in London in March to discuss

as the Edinburgh-based com-

mission is already well advanced on a management simplify a sale to the private

From April, the commission will be divided into two parts - the Forestry Authorsible for implementing the government's forestry policy, and Forestry Enterprise, asset will be 2.2 million acres of growing plantations with a reputed market value of £1.6

The commission denies that privatisation is the motive behind the restructur-

which will be Britain's biggest forestry company would be too good an oppor-

Crincs of an early sale indude Timber Growers UK. the organisation that represents many of Britain's 4,500 son, TGUK's technical director, said the 50 per cent fall in new planting caused by the 1988 Budget, which ended the setting off of forestry expenditure against income. meant that now was not the time for further change. "The last thing we need is any extra

uncertainty caused by selling off the commission," he said. Supporters of Mr Rick-

ion's own restructoring is not the answer. "I don't see that these are radical changes compared to what goes on within a private comsee privatisation progressed: sooner rather than later," he

panies. Barry Gamble, man-

Tilhill Economic Forestry. the Booker subsidiary that manages 350,000 acres for institutional and private dients, believes the tough financial targets set by the government have weakened the commission's position in the

commercial timber market, and conflict with its role as an

## Brittan seeks to break Italian barrier

Maxwe

pension

FROM TOM WALKER

protest letter to the Italian law that virtually bars foreign companies from trading on Italy's stock exchanges. It is rearguard action by the EC competition commissioner to directive (ISD) on track.

while, Sir Leon must my to get the ISD momentum going iled under the Dutch pro dency and the extent of Portknown. No discussions on the directive have yet been sched-

uled by the new presidency.
Sir Leon has complained about the law, known as Sims", which came into efachieve for the EC's financia aints from British stock-

In Sir Leon's vision, the ISD would allow EC securities firms to provide services throughout European stock

exchanges.
"Basically we consider Sims to be a major step backwards," said Sir Leon's spozone Mobiliare, Sims requires foreign companies to incorporate locally if they wish to deal for their own or a third party's account; distrib-ute shares; manage portfo-lios; collect buy and sell ord-

more far reaching than any said. "We received numerous complaints on the Sims law from the UK, and we've got a prima facie case that it breaks EC law."

Sir Leon has attacked the aw because it appears to infringe both articles 52 and 59 of the Treaty of Rome, which lay down the rights of companies to set up branches elsewhere in the Community and provide services wherever they like. Both articles say restrictions in these areas must

be "progressively abolished".
"Putting a law like this into place in 1992 really wasn't a smart move," said another Commission source. Ironically. Italy has not been one of the most vociferous opponents of the ISD, even appearing to support it at finance ministers' meetings. "Italy has supported the directive, at least verbally." said a puzzied Commissi source. The directive calls for mutual recognition — you trust our laws, we'll trust

the opposite direction." The Commission expert admits that "it would take a very tight timetable to put the ISD in place for 1993, but says Sir Leon's team "is urging progress". And he gives warning that the effects of failure have been

yours. Sims seems to move in

The ISD is a major plank in the single market. Failure to agree it would not give a good signal. It would be

#### the future of the 73-year-old ing. Others, however, believe man's proposals, not surprisgovernment-funded body. that for a re-elected Conserva-The revived debate comes tive government an early sale ingly, include the private of Forestry Enterprise forestry management com-

# Super bowl is not so super for CBS

lion. In the year to the end of May it incurred losses of £36,000 but by 1993 pre-tax profits of about £2 million a vear are envisaged. Mike Betts, an analyst at Schroders, estimates that in the year ended December, Starmin earned profits of about £3 million before tax,

benefited from steady de-

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Similar improvements are

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compared with a reported £764,000 in the previous 12 months. Mr Betts expects profits of £6 million this year and earnings of 1.3p, assuming no further acquisitions. The shares have fallen from a high of 22p last year to 14p.

just below the price at which new shares were offered in the most recent rights issue. Further issues cannot be ruled out as the company

MARTIN BARROW

pursues its ambitions to be-Starmin has a record, albecome a leading player in its it a short one, against which expectations can be meactor, a factor which may sured. Lovie, Starmin's first inhibit performance in the major acquisition in 1990, was expected to earn £1 mil-But the earnings profile should ensure support from lion in 1991, against



WHAT is almost 200 yards long, weighs ten tons and can bring in advertising revenue of £16,000 a second? The American Super Bowl: the three-and-a-half hour band-marching cheer-leading transatlantic equivalent to the FA Cup Final - as American as

Broadcast to an expected audience of 120 million - six times the average number who tuned into Cable News Network during the Gulf war — the Super Bowl attracts the most expensive advertising in the world. Each second costs \$28,300. But for the first time in living memory, there is no clamour to buy time. With less than a week to go before helmets clash, the troubled CBS network which has ex-clusive television rights, has unfilled

The maximum it could earn from the 25 minutes of advertising time between the four 45-minute quarters and the 30-minute band parade at half time, is \$43 million. CBS are not re-

turning telephone calls on the subject.
This year's clash will be one of the most avidly watched in history, a grudge match between the Buffalo Bills and the Washington Redskins played at the 63,000-capacity Metrodome in Minneapolis. The 94 players (each team is allowed

only 11 of its 47 men on the field at one time) weigh a total of 10 tons (22,000 pounds) without padded protection and, laid end to end, would stretch most of the way between Buckingham Palace and Horse Guards' Parade (193 yards). CBS, which swapped its rota year to

televise the event, is so worried at not filling all 50 30-second air time slots that it is offering advertisers a two-for one deal linked with its coverage of the Winter Olympics: buy a Super Bowl advertisement at full cost and get a reduced rate for the slalom event.

Most of the big guns are already signed up: PepsiCo; McDonald's; Nike sports shoes; Anheuser-Busch, the prewer of "Bud"; American Isuzu Motors; and Merrill Lynch. Master Lock, the security group, will blow the equivalent of a year's advertising budget on one 30-second ad. Even so, recessionary cuts in advertising budgets have arted the usual stampede for time.

The Super Bowl is also under attack from a different quarter. Frito-Lay, the snack food division of Pepsi, has bought the entire advertising slots that surround a special edition of Living Color, a highly successful black comedy show, which Fox Broadcasting, owned by News Corporation, will screen during the Super Bowl's half-hour break mid-way through the game.

There could even be an impact on the foreign exchange markets. Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrialised countries are meeting in New York that weekend to discuss exchange rate policy.

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n the aftermath of Robert Maxwell's death, there was general agreement that the recently I floated Mirror Group Newspapers was the family's star asset and easily saleable if necessary. That assumption has crumbled to dust in the face of shocking revelations of the pillaging of MGN's pension fund assets. Later today the social services select committee is due to hear fresh submissions from hapless Mirror employees who face a grim and possibly fruitless fight to recover the assets that once appeared to guarantee them a reasonable retirement. The details will not make pleasant

Currently, there are insufficient assets left to meet liabilities to either Mirror group employees contributing to pension funds or those who have left but have deterred pension rights. The size of this hole is still being evaluated, but without recovery of missing millions on a substantial scale, retirement prospects are bleak

Prognostications for recovery are not good. Accountants tracking cash transferred from MGN's sister company, Maxwell Communication Corporation, have discovered that all was not as it first appeared. There are grave doubts that cash actually went to destinations recorded in the MCC books. Assets phundered from MGN pensioners may prove as tricky to trace. The MCC cash, it now emerges, went to multiple destinations overseas, including numerous shadowy brass plate companies in well-known tax havens.

Mirror employees have a duty to themselves and their dependants to seek recovery of their assets and are soon likely to take steps in that direction. First, they will examine any legal responsibility under the terms of the trust deed which MGN itself might have for making good the deficiency. The second line of attack would naturally be to see what responsibility, if any can be established, might be borne by MGN's pension fund advisers.

These tasks will be by no means simple. The mess left by Robert Maxwell's cannibalisation of his own companies will keep lights burning in law firms for years to come. But already, two things emerge clearly. First, a swift conclusion to MGN's ownership is most unlikely. MGN is a strong cash generative business. But who would want to buy the pig in a poke called pension fund liabilities?

f the missing millions are not recoverable from third parties, whoever they may prove to be, either the work force and deferred pensioners will be scandalously disadvantaged or the Mirror group may be prevailed upon by its own employees to make good the shortfall in the fund from its own resources. Uncertainties over where and when the buck will eventually stop are enough to deter any prudent purchaser until the legal battles are ended.

Depressingly, this may hamper any efforts Mirror staff make towards staging a management-led buyout. Bostowings would have to be considerable. Banks are unlikely to fund a buyout vehicle which assumed much responsibility for making up pension deliciencies, for this would seriously ear into the cash flow available to service buyout debt. On the other hand, the task would be easy if employees were to relinquish all claims on MGN for their lost assets. But this is asking too

much of human flesh and blood. The second obvious lesson is that pensions law reform must be afforded the same high priority that reform of the financial services legislation was given after a series of scandals in the late Seventies. It is true but not acceptable to say that the bulk of pension schemes are run honestly. A good test for such reforms is that they should make impossible a repeat of what Robert Maxwell did, even in the unlikely event that such a monster should appear again. One time is one time too many.

#### ECONOMIC VIEW

# Not too late to cut interest rates for economic and electoral victory

Anatole Kaletsky offers a free-market plan to fuel the economy and help the Chancellor

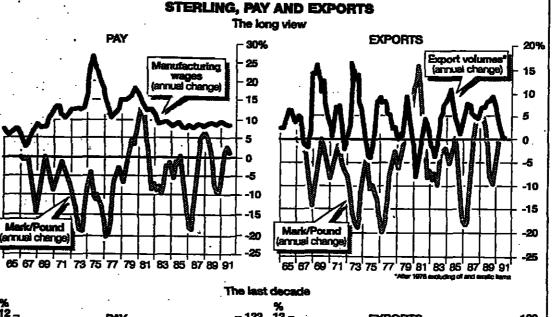
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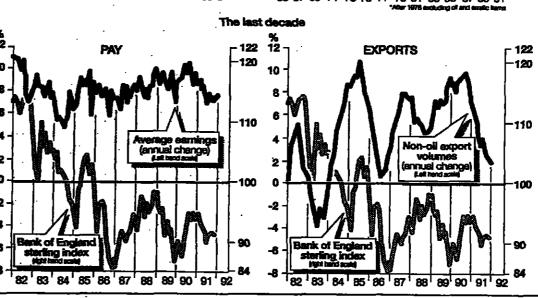
s it just intellectual paralysis or is there a death wish in the heart of the government? Britain is moving into its most important election campaign for 13 years, a campaign that will decide whether the Thatcher decade turns out to be a footnote in British history or the start of a new chapter. But as the Chancellor prepared the Budget that will determine the election's outcome, the Treasury, the CBI, the Institute of Directors and all the other Conservative lobbies are unanimous in their advice. There must be no "artificial" stimulus, admonish the businessmen and Treasury officials: the economy must crawl through the recession at its "natural" pace until the business cycle runs its pre-ordained course.

I disagree. This week and next, I shall present two Budget proposals that would guarantee a clear economic revival before July. If, as is almost certain, the ideas go into the Chancellor's dustbin, John Smith could always rummage them out when he moves into Downing Street on or before July 9.

Plan Two, next week, assumes that John Major's commitment to the ERM takes precedence over every other principle his party has espoused in the last 13 years. The government could easily pull the economy out of its hole if it embraced the continental-style fiscal and industrial activism that complements the abandonment of monetary flexibility in the ERM. This is in fact, one of the reasons why Labour is so enthusiastic about ERM membership. But first, I shall assume that Mr Major wishes to stick to his conservative colours. Here, then, is a free-market plan for triggering economic recovery and winning an election by July 9.

The Chancellor announces on Budget day that the Bank of England has cut its money market dealing rate from 10.5 to 7.5 per cent. Bank base rates and mortgage rates move in line, falling by three percentage points. The cut in interest rates immediately revives the housing market and boosts retail spending. Simultaneously, the cheaper mortgage costs reduce headline inflation to under 3 per cent, ensuring that wage claims will fall in the 1992-3 pay round. To reinforce the disinflationary thrust, the Chancelfor refrains from raising alcohol and petrol duties and tightens the thrust of fiscal policy by refraining from an income tax cut and failing to index personal allowances in line with inflation. The impact of such a Budget would depend on how the Chancellor presented the implications for sterling. The Budget mess-





age would not be about devaluing sterling, but about cutting interest rates and letting the pound find its own level, with no arbitrary floors. If Labour then wished to argue that interest rates should be raised again, it could do so. For the public and businesses, the benefits of the new policy would be clear. With the exchange rate deter-

mined by market forces, sterling would almost certainly overshoot downwards, just like the dollar. This would make Britain a highly attractive base for manufacturing and exporting to the increasingly uncompetitive and consumption-oriented European economies such as Germany, Italy and France, More importantly, the new exchange rate policy would hold out the prospects of a degree of economic stability unknown in Britain since the management of sterling began to dominate economic policy making in the late Fifties. Almost every financial crisis in Britain's post-war history has been triggered by a "run on the pound". If the government were to accept that the exchange rate should be left to market forces, "emergency" interest rate hikes would automatically become a thing of the past. To the establishment, this is danger-ous fantasy. "Devaluation of sterling

within the ERM would only push up interest rates," declares the CBI in Germany. QED. its Budget submission - "by two

percentage points", Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner, chips in. A premature cut in interest rates would be "fools gold" if it under-mined sterling, insists Mr Major, since devaluation inevitably sets off an inflationary wage/price spiral. However, the Chancellor ought to ask Treasury officials two questions:

w hat is the mechanism that would push interest rates up, rather than down if I decided to abandon the ERM band? And where is the evidence that a pound always aggravates inflation? The answer to the first question is revealing. A mechanism does exist that might push interest rates higher if sterling were devalued "within the ERM". But this is only true because of the proviso in inverted commas. The Treasury correctly maintains that no ERM country can hope for interest rates below Germany's. Investors will not hold a lowinterest currency unless they expect it to rise in value against the mark, but no ERM currency has ever been revalued upwards against the mark. Therefore, it is impossible for Britain to have lower interest rates than

But wait. Outside the ERM, there are plenty of countries with interest rates much lower than Germany's: not only the dollar, yen and swiss franc, but also such notoriously "soft" currencies as the Australian. Canadian and New Zealand dollars. If Australia could cut interest rates from 17 to 7.5 per cent, why not Britain? This is where the ERM mechanism comes in.

Suppose the pound were moved from its present band to an equally arbitrary new one - say 10 per cent lower - within the ERM. Investors would demand the usual interest premium over the mark. It th failed to get it, the pound would fall quickly to the bottom of its new band. There would be another sterling crisis, requiring either a hike in interest rates or a second devaluation. But suppose the Chancellor simply cut interest rates to 7.5 per cent but refused to set a new floor for sterling. Investors, accustomed to earning 10 per cent plus on their sterling deposits, would obviously not like this at first and would drive down the pound. But eventually sterling would reach an "undervalued" level, from which some investors would expect it to rise. If British

than German ones, the pound would in principle settle about 2 per cent below the level perceived by investors as a long-run equilibrium exchange rate against the mark.

The best economic studies of "fundamental equilibrium exchange rates" suggest that DM2.40 to the pound would be compatible with long-run full employment and a sustainable development of Britain's current and capital accounts. So if British interest rates were cut to 7.5 per cent, or two points below the German level, the pound might settle at about DM2.35. Allowing for some speculative overshooting. sterling might fall as far as DM2.25. This would imply a devaluation of 20 per cent, slightly less than the one that followed Sir Geoffrey Howe's recovery budget in 1981. In fact, the fall in the pound might be much smaller if the Treasury were right in its believe that sterling's equilibrium exchange rate is probably around its present exchange rate of DM2.85. At this point, the Treasury officials will give warning about the inflationary perils of letting investors have their way with sterling. But what is the evidence that a falling exchange rate leads to higher inflation?

ome economists fixed their predictive models to guarantee that devaluation led to higher wage growth and no rise in exports. But experience shows the alleged link between sterling and wages seems no longer to exist, if it ever did.

The charts show the relationship between sterling and wages was weak in the Sixties and Seventies and became non-existent from 1981 onwards - thanks largely to Mrs Thatcher's abandonment of incomes policies and her labour market reforms. By contrast, the link between the exchange rate and export growth is clear. Whenever the pound has risen, Britain's export growth has fallen. When the pound has fallen, competitiveness has improved and exports have grown.

If falls in the pound failed to unleash a wage/price spiral in the Eighties, why should they do so now? Given the high unemployment created by the recession and the continuing improvements in Brit-ain's labour markets and supplyside flexibility, a fall in sterling today should be even less inflationary.

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Calls for much lower interest rates and a freely floating pound are denounced as defeatist. But the real defeatists are those who insist that the British economy is still too inflexible to respond to normal price signals acting through free foreign exchange markets. If Britain must suffer another decade of Germanimposed deflation before it can share the benefits of low interest rates and market-determined exchange rates, then the 12 years of Thatcherism really were in vain. And the electorate should say so.

Next week: A Budget proposal for ERM enthusiasts.



#### New mountain for Pountain?

RUMOURS are flying within the financial community at Canary Wharf that Christopher Pountain, top ranked insurance analyst at Morgan Stanley, is set to make a spectacular exit. Pountain, if the whispers are accurate, is ready to join Commercial Union to help plan the insurance group's worldwide strategy — a position that would command a six-figure salary. Pountain, aged 38, is already used to large financial packages, having been woodd away from County NatWest's composites team in 1989 for an equally huge sum. He should have no problem adjusting to the CU culture, since he began his career at Scottish Widows, qualifying as an actuary, before going on to join Wood Mackenzie. as it then was, in 1979. If the City Diary's sources are proved correct, the deal could be concluded before the end of the month. Meanwhile, Morgan Stanley remains locked in conflict with Olympia & York, the property developer, over ownership of its Docklands offices.

#### Surprise, surprise

IN KEEPING with its trueblue Tory tradition, the City will vote overwhelmingly in favour of the Conservatives in the general election, according to a poll by Stephens Associates, a firm of financial headhunters. Of nearly 608 chairmen, chief executives and department heads in the financial community questioned in the poll, 81 per cent said they would vote Tory if an election were held tomorrow. Only 6 per cent were in favour of a Labour govern-ment, and 9 per cent would support the Liberal Democrats. However, less than half of them expect the Conservatives to emerge from the general election with a clear majority — an indication, perhaps, that even the City's. loyal support may not be enough. As an interesting aside, 65 per cent of respondents thought a single European currency would benefit the United Kingdom, while more than half are against a referendum on monetary and political union.

#### Main attraction

JOHN Ritblat, the dapper chairman of British Land, has thrown his weight behind one of the more unusual charity ventures of the new year. He has given his blessing to a "share race" in aid of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, with the aim of raising up to £20,000 to buy a much needed magnet for its electron spin resonance spectrometer for numour research. Entrants



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have to pick five shares from a list of 54 and stand to win £1,000 if their portfolio tops the bill over a year. "The idea was tried two years ago on a small basis, and we decided to take it forward," says Howard Shore, managing director of Shore Capital Stockbrokers, an associate company of British Land and sponsor to the race. The choice of shares listed in a publicity brochure includes Philip Green's Amber Day. mauled by bear raiders of late, and the curiously named Golf Fields of South Africa.

QUESTION: How many public relations executives does it take to design a fourpage newsletter? Answer: 14; according to the Institute of Public Relations City and Financial Group. The group's annual review includes a photograph of Geoffrey Kelly of BZW. Simon Lewis of SG Warburg and 12 associates discussing "alternative designs" for the

#### Kafka's trials

BARELY six months after leaving the City for a career in Manchester, Paul Kafka is back in the capital. Kafka. former head of corporate effairs at Security Pacific Hoare Govers, as it then was, and most recently publicity head for Norweb, the privatised electricity company, just cannot stay away from the Square Mile. He is now joining Nomura, the Japanese securities house, in the wake of the recent shake-up in the firm's public relations department. "I am delighted to be back in the City," says Kafica, aged 35, who has been commuting between Manchester

and his home in Richmond south-west London, since taking up the job with Norweb in June. He admits that the travelling was taking its toll. 'It didn't do much for my family life," he says. Kafka joins Nomura on February 3 as executive director (corporate communications). He will be working alongside Keith Clarke, who stepped down as head of corporate affairs just after Christmas. but remains a consultant.

BEALE Dobie, a firm that auctions used insurance policies, hence improving on their surrender values, has issued a free telephone number — freefone surrender.

laid the golden egg. Whatev

#### Cold comfort PERHAPS it was the turkey - and not the goose — that

er, the writing was certainly on the wall when staff at Berry Magicoal, the name behind the flickering, electric coal-effect fires that grace many British drawing rooms, lost out on their annual Christmas gift. Now, Unidare Environmental, the Dublin maker of electrical heaters that bought the company in December, has told the 190 staff there that they are to lose their jobs. The workers, who had to go without their annual gift of a Christmas turkey for the first time in ten years last month, will be made redundant on Good Friday, when their factory at Comanhay, Derbyshire, closes its doors. Production is being transferred to Unidare's factory at Portadown, Northern

ALAN BROAD,

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these seven insolvencies, be-

fore the creditors had even

been notified, a deal was

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owners of the business, and

the liquidator; the assets

being bought from the liqui-

dator at 5p to 10p in the

total, £4.1 million of unpaid creditors, realising £100,000

of "buyback" funds to cover

the liquidators' and solicitor's

fees, and placed back in the

hands of the previous owners

£1.25 million of stock and

The six insolvencies left, in

Insolvency assets should be advertised for sale to close loophole

#### From Mr T. J. Martin-

Sir, The rise in company failures is being used as a barometer of the commercial health of the UK; or lack of health as the case appears to be.

What the figures do not portray is an increasingly growing trend for the owners of struggling companies to use the current loopholes in insolvency legislation to shed debts and restructure the business balance sheet.

In 1991, my company suffered bad debts from seven insolvencies. In six out of

City's callow youth From Mr A. Broad Sir. I see an announcement that the Chief Economist of a

#### merchant bank is being made redundant at the age of 34. If he is the chief at that age (albeit not indispensable!) where have all the people gone in his firm who are aged 35 to 65? Can they all be so

The news item adds that he has been receiving an income of £200,000 per annum. How old are the people who voted him that kind of money - and how much are they

is it perhaps a flaw in our present system of running the City, that the decision-makers are young people who have not had the experience of steering their companies through the ups and downs of previous trade cycles; and who, moreover, have been brought up to question or dismiss, as a matter of course, the experience and opinions of their elders?

PO Box 172, JON ASHWORTH Oxford.

#### assets (per statement of af-Industry's malaise

Sir, The "deep-seated malaise" of British industry (Comment, January 6) is the lack of any discernible leader-

The engineering giants of the Victorian era, while developing and expanding the nation's infrastructure and its manufacturing industries, did nothing to enhance engineering as a profession. By over-praising the "practical man made good", we did not produce the great engineerng schools like much of

## From Mr R. Morgan

ship from the engineering profession.

Europe. The engineers' suspi-

#### cion of the British political system kept them out of Whitehall and Westminster,

pound.

so they failed to get a foothold of influence in the affairs of the nation. Since the middle of the last

century, successive governments, Liberal, Conservative and Labour, failed to recognise and reward those who earned the nation's wealth. So there is no Earl Brunel, no Viscount Stephenson and no Lord Faraday.

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I suggest a method of re-

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The continuing mutual indifference between engineers and politicians is the greatest obstacle to any manufacturing-based recovery. Engineers are incapable of taking cosy deal with the insolvency practitioner would be re-moved, and the true worth of the assets realised for the ben-

efit of all the creditors. If Mr Major wishes to cut company insolvencies, a swift amendment to the law on sale of insolvent companies' assets will do more wonders than a 2 per cent cut in interest rates.

Yours faithfully, T. J. MARTIN-WRIGHT Managing Director

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Merseyside. the initial step because their

profession is hopelessly fragmented. Every political party says it aims to reverse Britain's industrial decline. I will believe that when a government gets engineers in key positions in industry and in the machinery of the state and creates a Cabinet post equal in status to the Chancel lor and the Home and Foreign Secretaries, to oversee Britain's engineering renais-

Yours faithfully. ROWLAND MORGAN, Chartered Engineer, University of Bristol Bristol.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

# Spotlight turned on Lonrho's payout

THURSDAY is long awaited by followers of Lourko. Tiny Rowland's international trading conglomerate, to see

whether the dividend is held. Lonrho's dividend has not been our since 1981 and Mr Rowland is proud of his progressive dividend record. so most analysis feel a cut is unlikely. However, the shares have been unsteady, affected by debt and dividend fears as well as lower prices for precious metals, so the market is partly discounting a cut.

Charles Pick, at Nomera Research Institute expects final pre-tax profits to decline to E250 million (£273 million), with earnings per share of 20.7p (23.6p). Market forecasts range from £250 million to £260 million. Mr. Pick expects a maintained final dividend of 8p, making-lop, with a first interim dividend of 3p for 1991-2...

TODAY

All divisions at Intercare Group, the fast-growing healthcare products distributor, are thought to have traded strongly. Final pre-tax profits, boosted by acquisition, are expected to nearly

(E504,000), according to Andrew Holland at Barclays de Zoete Wedd: Earnings per share of 6.8p (4.1p) and a dividend of 2p (1.25p) arepredicted.

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TOMORROW

Budgens, the food retailer, is expected to report interim pre-tax profits of £1.8 million £505,000. according to County NatWest. Attention will focus on trading news because of stiff competition from the big multiples after the price was and Standard to the price was and the price was a standard to the the price war and Sunday

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WEDNESDAY

A sharp downturn in commercial construction activity in Britain and tough trading conditions in America are expected to lead to a decline in profits at Newman Tonks Group, the Birmingham supolier of building products. Mitchel Teager, at Albert E Sharp, expects full-year pre-tax profits to slide to £14.8 million (E23.2 million). Mr Teager forecasts a fall in earnings per share to 9.6p (15.2p), although a maintained dividend of 9.3p is

Economic statistics: British Chambers of Commerce quarterly economic survey (fourth-quarter:1991); index of production and construction for Wales (third quarter); index of output of the production industries

Macarthy, the pharmaceuti-

er where Ian Parsons is chief executive, is expected to announce final pre-tax profits of £5 million (£4.61 million), according to Hoare Govett.

Market forecasts range between \$4.8 million and \$5.3 million. Earnings per share of 12.8p (11.6p) are forecast, with a maintained dividend of 12.5p. Macarthy is the subject of bids from Uni-Chem, Britain's largest pharmaceuticals wholesaler, and Lloyds Chemists. Both bids

monopolies commission. Lebowa Platinum Mines, Mitte Group, Park Food Group, Potgleterstust Platinum, Proteus

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CAPITAL MARKETS

## Bonds to benefit at expense of equities

sterling bond markets grew by 143 per cent to £29.9 billion in 1991 and further growth can be expected this year, despite economic and political uncertainties.

According to Baring Brothers' Sterling Debt Market Review, a significant shift from equities to bonds among domestic investors is likely this year as the economic con-straints of ERM membership continue to bear down on inflation. Offshore money will, however, remain an important factor, says Barings, not least because of the heavy volume of Eurosterling maturities due in 1992.

British issuers have been quick to return to the bond markets after Christmas, with the sterling sector still proving popular despite pressure on the pound and the political storm clouds gathering over the currency. Two tightly priced Eurosterling issues have already seen the light of day, both led by Credit Suisse First Boston.

In the first British corporate Eurosterling deal this year, Southern Electric added to the growing pool of sterling

NEW issue activity in the utility debt with a ten-year, sterling bond markets grew £150 million fixed rate issue offering a spread of 70 basis points over the 2002 gilt. Tesco's £200 million bond. also a ten-year deal, was seen as slightly more aggressively priced at an 80 basis point spread. Both firms stressed the opportunity to lock into attractively priced ten-year money at a time of economic and political uncertainty.

While there are always treasurers willing to take longterm funds on to the balance sheet when rates fall to about 10 per cent, other treasurers may take a more cautious approach and hold back in the hope of further rate cuts. However, recent history suggests 10 per cent money will prove good value. In the case of the first pair of issuers. major refinancing requirements in the not too distant future probably concentrated the respective treasurers' minds on the favourable market conditions. Southern Electric has a substantial slice of government debt to repay next year, while Tesco has a multi-option facility to replace at the end of this year.

JONATHAN PRYNN

# Political guessing game will not spoil bond party

or wage settlements, slowing monetary growth
in many ways the economic background to the
gilt-edged market could not
be better.

The inflation squeeze was best illustrated by last week's producer output price data. The underlying rate of increase fell on some measures, to a near 20-year low. Despite the small rise in retail price inflation later in the week, there is no doubt inflation

pressures are easing. So far, the fall in inflation can be attributed almost entirely to the recession but it promises to be more durable than that suggests.
The exchange rate mechanism should ensure that the inflation gains achieved in recession conditions can be locked in for the longer term. At last there is a credible route to sustainably lower inflation — soos thing we have not had in Britain for some time.

The problem for gilt in-vestors is how to weigh this bullish inflation background against the obvious problems facing the market: official supply of stock and politics. The other implications of an economy expected to be flat in the first half are that the gov-ernment's borrowing re-quirement will continue to grow and the election will take piace against a backdrop of no recovery and ris-

ing unemployment. It is easy to overstate the extent to which political risk will upset the gift market. Recession and a proounced change in policy have caused the PSBR to reach levels many thought would be seen only under a Labour government. Thus a Labour government's free-dom of fiscal manoeuvre would be limited. The shadow treasury team has emphasised the extent to which spending pledges have been matched by intended tax increases, although this discipline is coming under strain as electioneering starts in earnest. Nevertheless, the main PSBR risk of a Labour government might simply be the early ending of the

privatisation programme.

If the Conservatives are now looking more like Lab-our in terms of fiscal policy. Labour has shifted towards the Conservative approach on monetary policy.

A il the leading parties accept the ERM orthodoxy, with a universal commitment to a move to narrow bands at existing central rates. Devaluation - or even realignment — is a dirty word. Fears about the possi-

bility of an immediate postelection devaluation persist, but recent exchange rate behaviour implies they are not widespread. There has not been a sterling crisis and there will not be one as long as confidence that devaluation is not a possibility holds. Sterling firmly at the bottom of the ERM league is not necessarily a problem - someone has to be at the bottom - and as time passes and interest

rate rise looks less likely. Indeed, a spring base rate cut is still a possibility.

Overseas perceptions of sterling and political risk have clearly changed. That exchange rate policy is no longer a political football is generally appreciated and Labour's commitment to the ERM is taken seriously. The forex market might de-mand a small and short-lived increase. lived increase in base rates if Labour wins, if only as confirmation of that commitment, but there is no reason to think a sterling crisis will happen. Supply of stock could

pose a more serious and certainly a longer-term pro-blem. The impact of recesnances has been obvious and if the ERM proves to constrain economic growth in the medium term, notions of a cyclically-adjust-ed balanced budget could be rather academic. Perhaps more important, however, has been the relaxation in fiscal policy.

public spending policy began to shift in 1990 and has been moving ever since. The PSBR could reach £24 billion in 1992-3 from an estimated £11 billion this year. Of that prospective doub-ling about half can be attri-buted to a discretionary easing of economic policy, including tax cuts in the Budget, which appear to be firmly on the agenda des-pite the borrowing trend.

An expected net borrow ing requirement of 4 per cent of GDP is not especial ly large historically or internationally and it can be argued that, after the elec-tion, £29 billion of gross gilt sales could be absorbed in a bullish economic enviroument. To some extent the problem lies in the gift market's recent history and the legacy of the fiscal surplus of the late Eighties that required the Bank of England to buy large quan-tities of outstanding gilts. This caused a drop in the institutions gilt holdings, a switch into other assets and a greater inversion of the yield curve.

There needs to be some reversal of these trends if the Bank is to meet its hunding objectives. Domessuaded to shift back into gilts especially if, as seems likely, the Bank funds further out along the yield curve. A 30-year issue would need good domestic support to be successful. The answer might lie in the shape of the yield curve. Even against the good inflation background, it may not prove possible to self the anticipated greater supply with a downward sloping yield curve at the longer end of the market.

The result is expected to be a flatter yield curve, but one that has made a significant shift down as well. Neither politics nor supply will be enough to outweigh the especially good economic background to the gilt market this year.

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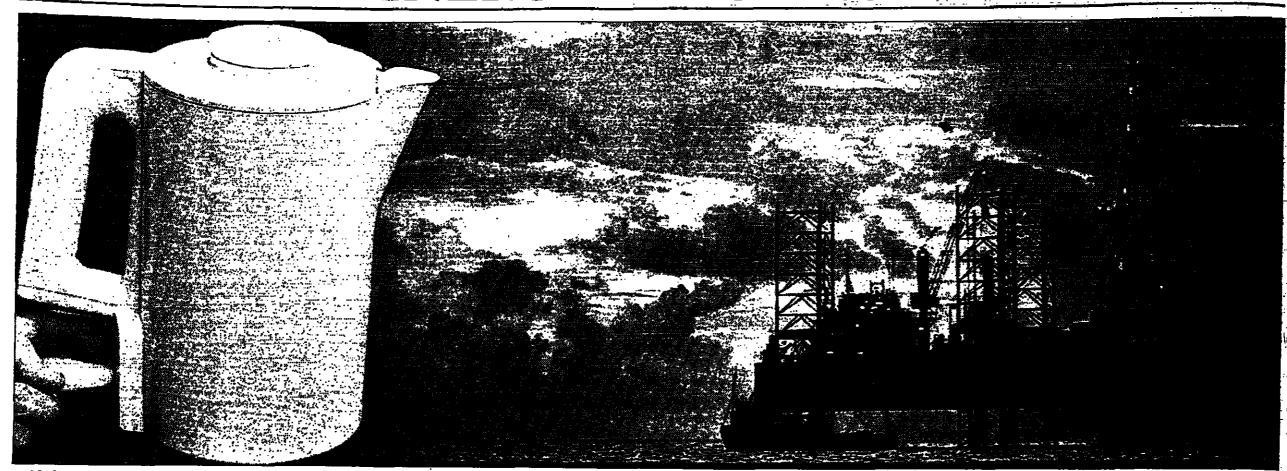


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# **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**



Modern marvels: more efficient kettles and vacuum cleaners would eliminate 11 million tonnes of carbon dioxide and save Emillions every year. The annual value of oil from the North Sea could be saved by more efficiency

# Energy campaign reaches boiling point David Young reports on how Britain can save £10bn a year, equal to North Sea oil income

he North Sea oil industry produces £10 billion worth of wealth a year.
This large amount often raises eyebrows. Yet hardly anybody until now has pointed out that £10 billion is precisely the amount that Britain could save in a year if everybody in industry and in the home adopted the best available energy-saving measures.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, now quotes these statistics when he discusses energy conservation and when he is puning pressure on businessmen to sign a declaration agreeing to energy efficiency programmes.

Nearly two-thirds of Britain's largest companies had no formal energy policy when he started his campaign. Many have now accepted the need to participate in the scheme and to publish a corporate policy on energy efficiency and make a board member responsible for implementation.

know that people react very positively to the idea of reducing energy consumption once they understand how it can benefit the environment." The energy department is also letting consumers know how efficient or inefficient their appliances are. Research has shown that when the running costs of any

Bank and British Gas.

Mr Wakeham says: "In this

country, which already has a

better record than most in improv-

ing its energy efficiency in recent

years, it is estimated that there

remains scope to save up to a fifth

of our energy consumption. We

product are given in an easily understood format people will The savings that can be made by using more efficient domestic appliances are considerable. A recent study by the March Consulting

Group for the energy department showed that domestic appliances account for 21 per cent of the electricity used in the UK. The power needed to boil the nation's kettles and vacuum its carpets produces an annual (1 million tonnes of carbon dioxide, the main gas contributing towards global

Mr Wakeham's staff now estimates that energy-saving of 40 per cent could be achieved in Britain if the whole nation's domestic appliances were replaced with the most efficient models available. In addition, if the most up-to-

date technology was incorporated

in new models, savings could be 60 per cent or £1.5 billion to UK electricity consumers. Realising that such enormous savings can be made, the department and the European Community have pressed ahead with energy labelling schemes. They will give customers the energy efficiency rating of an appliance and allow them to compare it with competing models. Several countries are introduc-

ing programmes. The department's Energy Efficiency Office scheme is at an advanced stage and the office is holding consultations on a voluntary system to introduce ahead of an EC direc-Many of the big electricity companies are already cooperat-

ing in their retail outlets and other retailers will soon follow. Initially the scheme will apply only to refrigerators and freezers, but Mr Wakeham sees this as a "useful interim measure" until the EC directive comes into force.

However, the Association for the Conservation of Energy says energy labelling will have little effect on

its own unless manufacturers also 10 to 15 per cent for dishwashers meet tougher efficiency standards and 15 to 20 per cent for and targets. The association says: refrigerators and freezers. All "Over-reliance on the power of the targets were exceeded by a big market mechanism alone to en-courage environmentally responsible purchasing fails to recognise that the average consumer simply

and incentive on the part of sales personnel is compounded by the obscurity and technicality of the product information provided by manufacturers."

does not know that such benefits

are available. Lack of knowledge

n Germany, on the govern-ment's initiative, the domes-tic appliance industry adopted energy labelling and a voluntary programme for efficiency targets for goods. Improve-ment targets ranged from 3 to 5

margin.
When mandatory labelling was introduced in New South Wales, Australia, there was an average improvement of 15 per cent in the efficiency of refrigerators, and models with poor energy ratings disappeared from shops.

In the EC, there have been years of discussion on a framework directive for energy labelling. In: 1986 the Council of Ministers set 20 per cent by 1995. The EC soon gets were unlikely to be attained unless more stringent measures were taken. Domestic electricity demand in the EC rose by 35 per per cent for electric cookers, 7 to cent between 1982 and 1989.

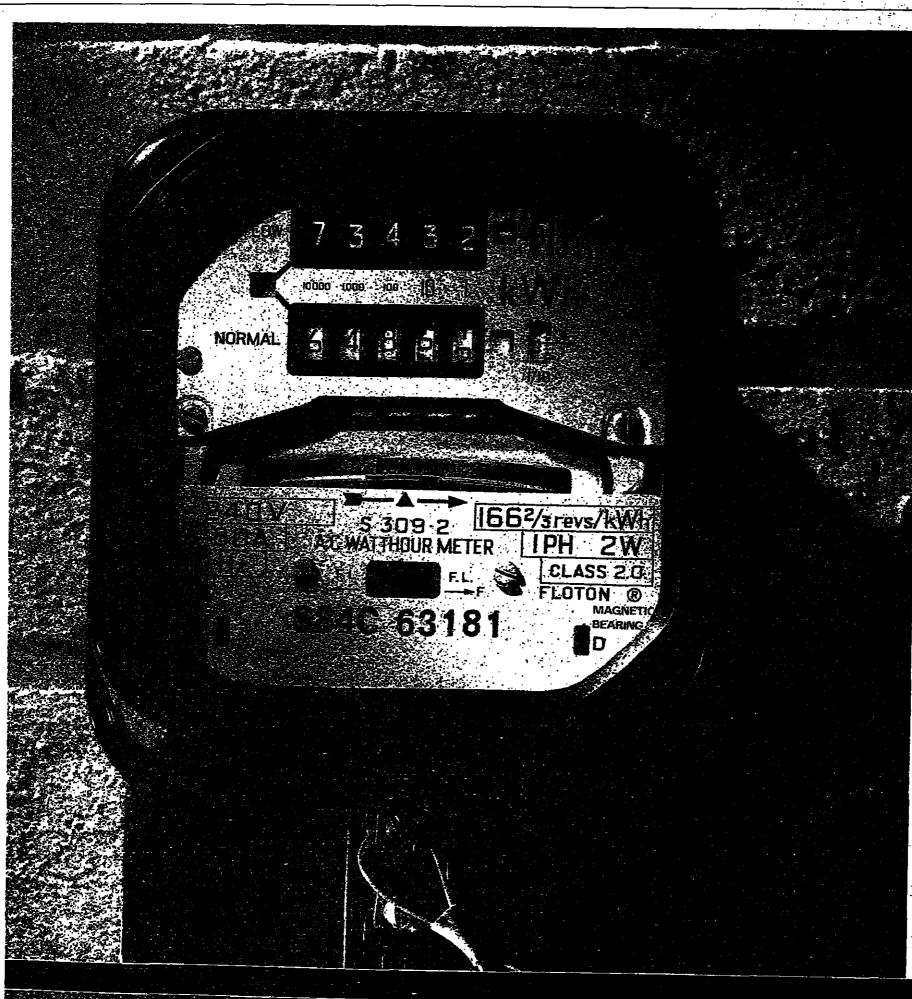
10 per cent for washing machines, Initially, EC labelling will cover

refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, driers, dishwashers, ovens, water heating and lights.

An EC spokesman says: "Surveys have shown that energy consumption of domestic appli-ances varies widely and that there is no particular relationship beween energy efficiency and price or performance

The proposed EC scheme would also provide a leaflet with more complete information, which a customer could take away to study products. This leaflet is also likely to include the environmental con-

facturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances (Amadea) and its West Ecropean counterparts have opposed the EC proposals. Amadea says. The industry has always believed that market forces provide a more effective and quicker



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# Tax plan for polluters

treaty — a global climate agreement to cut worldwide energy consumption and clean up the planet — will be proposed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in

Rio de Janeiro this June. Known as the "Earth surpmit", the gathering will be asked to consider limiting discharges of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which are generated in burning fossil fuels and pose a long-term climatic threat because of their ability to trap hear. An increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere would cause global.

warming.
Such measures would lead to a tax.
on carbon disorde fuels, weighted to
penalise the discharges into the atmosphere of carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides by industries and transport systems of the industri-alised countries.

Other human activities, including the release of carbon dioxide by deforestation and the greenhouse effect of chlorofluorocarbon aerosol propellants, could contribute to the global warming problem. But more than half the greenhouse gases come from combustion of coal, oil and gas in power stations, industrial boilers, homes, road vehicles and aircraft,

#### An 'Earth summit' in June will discuss action to save energy, Pearce Wright reports

hence the attraction of a carbon tax. Without its atmospheric blanket of gases, the mean surface temperature of the planet would be 30 degrees lower than at present. Although carbon dioxide comprises only 0.03 per cent of the atmosphere, it makes the earth a habitable planet rather than a frozen waste. Carbon dioxide is well mixed throughout the atmo-sphere but regional differences in concentration are thought to be caused in the northern hemisphere by

Although governments around the

GLOBAL WARMING Relative contributions of

Carbon dioxide Chlorofluorocarbons ... world are unlikely to accept a carbon tax, the European Commission will press ahead with a levy for EC countries to encourage the development of more environmentally friendly sources and uses of energy.

A global agreement to control manmade discharges of greenhouse gases would be the ultimate form of energy conservation. For for most people in Britain, this would mean insulating the loft, installing double glazing and switching to a car with a diesel or small-capacity engine.

Attitudes towards the development of energy supplies and the application of technology have been transformed since the 1960s. Complacency about energy supplies was shattered by the 1973 Arab oil embargo and five-fold rise in price. Energy management became a high priority, but conservation was translated into a matter of more efficient housekeeping rather than environmental awareness.

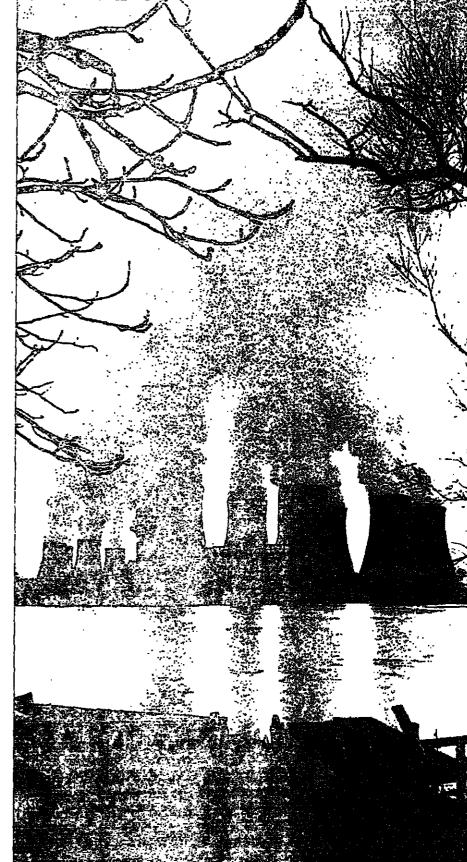
In 1990, an assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change of the threat of global warming revealed a consensus among scientists that global temperatures might rise in the long term. But there is no agreement on whether the change within the next 50 years will modify the climate significantly. So the June summit must agree on proposals to mitigate a risk that is difficult to define precisely.

In the view of Andrew Warren, of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, "energy is still used so carelessly and wastefully that im-provements in the efficiency of its use is the easiest and cheapest way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions".

n general, that conviction is shared by Carlo Ripa de Meana and Antonio Cardoso e Cunha, the European Commission's environmental and energy commissioners, as well as government ministers in Britain, who believe that \$10 billion a year could be cut from the national fuel bill by exploiting existing technologies.

No detailed programme of action has been issued, but the British government is committed to stabilising carbon dioxide emissions at the 1990 level by the year 2005.

The EC commissioners have gone further. They favour stabilising discharges of carbon dioxide at 1990 levels by the year 2000 and plan a



Full steam ahead: Drax power station. Yorkshire, is fitting anti-pollution equipment

# Will Nissan 'sunny' see the light?

ncreasing pollution levels and the need to conserve dwindling resources mean that manufacturers and governments will soon have to find more energy efficient ways of powering the millions of cars in demand in

every country.
In California, for instance, pollution legislation will force manufacturers to sell electric cars by 1998.

Yutaka Kume, the chairman of Nissan, says: "The electric car is the future and will be needed soon. The petrol engine will be with us for some time and can be improved. But this will be an exciting decade for discovering new technologies as efficient and versatile as the petroi engine."

etrol engine." Nissan is pioneering an acceptable electric car offering a range of 60 miles of city driving. The car uses nickel cadmium batteries, which weigh just 400lbs, and take

The car of the future could run on batteries and solar power.

**Kevin Eason** investigates

Solar cells on the roof augment the battery power and energy is also recovered from the braking system for

recharging.

Mr Yutaka admits that Nissan's prototype car, the FEV, is far from ideal, but any future production model could spell good news for Britain.

Last week Nissan announced a fresh £200 million injection of investment at its car plant at Washington. Tyne and Wear, which will double production and could just 15 minutes to recharge. make the Japanese company



Shape of things to come? BMW's electric E2 car

Britain's third largest motor . manufacturer after Ford and

Productivity at Nissan's Washington plant is the highest in the European industry, according to a study by analysts at Nikko Europe. Output per employee at Washington will be 75 cars this year. compared with 39 per employee at Nissan in Japan.

The internal combustion engine will remain the primary power pack for most motor cars into the next century but with more, emphasis on

However, manufacturers admit that they are near the limits of development with the petrol engine, prompting the search for new power sources which can offer the same performance, range and versatility as petrol

Electric cars are quiet and clean, but the battery technology has been in a time warp. Until Nissan's breakthrough, electric cars needed batteries weighing as much as half a tonne - about the weight of a Mini - to achieve a much reduced performance and a range averaging about 100 miles on one charge. By contrast, most petrol cars can cover 300 miles on a full tank

Studies by Nissan show that energy stored in a 110lb lead-acid battery offers a range of eight miles. A car with 110lb of gasoline offers more than 600 miles.

BMW's latest concept car, the E2, shown at the Detroit Motor Show this month, may also be the shape of things to come. The Mini-size car weighs about a tonne and has a maximum range of 267 miles. The top speed is 75 mph, but the quicker the car is driven the shorter the range, and recharging the batteries can take up to eight

Nissan, however, has exchanged the traditional desire for long range for easy recharging. The result is a car that accelerates like a petrolpowered vehicle and has a top speed of just over 80mph.



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# Economy begins at home

he latest government-backed energy efficiency drive includes campaigns to obtain large savings of fuel onsumption in homes and by small usinesses. Spending for that purpose y the Energy Efficiency Office will acrease this year by 40 per cent to 59 million and in the subsequent two cars to £70 million and £75 million. Studies for the energy department how, in principle, how more efficient schnology and better housekeeping ould cut industry's energy bill by 20 er cent by the year, while still flowing for economic growth. But he investigations also identify the arriers to improvement. Energy-aving campaigns go beyond mere thortation: 40 years of history show and without some intervention energy-

infiltrate their markets. In the domestic field, loft and tank asulation have reached 90 per cent of somes, but took 30 years to do so, ven with the help of government rants. Cavity wall insulation and a elatively new generation of technologies, such as condensing boilers and ang-life low-energy light bulbs have sarely scratched the surface of their otential markets.

y efficiency products tend to be slow

Pearce Wright examines efforts to cut back waste in the home and in small businesses

On present demand and without any stimulus, cavity wall insulation is expected to take another 50 years to grow from the present 20 per cent penetration of the market to 70 per cent. Condensing boilers are expected to take 150 years and low-energy lights 220 years to reach a 20 per cent take-up.

The most striking example of promoting energy-efficient lighting through market intervention comes from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in the United States. Under pressure from an influential group of environmentalists, the Californian power utility has adopted a formidable strategy which, in effect, rewards consumers for saving energy. Among an array of measures, the power company bought 500,000 energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs and made them available at a discount for its customers.

In the UK, analyses by the government's Energy Technology Support Unit at Harwell, Oxfordshire, and the Building Research Establishment's energy conservation support unit at Watford, Hertfordshire, conclude that the reduction possible in industry's energy bill by the end of the decade could be repeated in the domestic, commercial and public sectors. The Energy Efficiency Office

identifies three barriers to progress.

First, consumers lack the information to appreciate the value of energy efficiency and to judge the price of

energy.

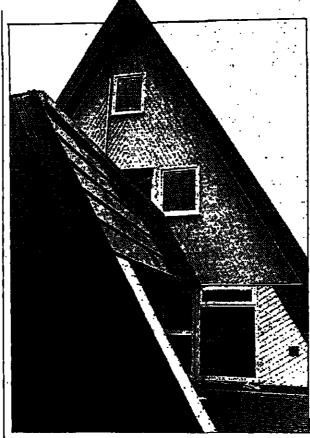
Second, in general, investment in energy efficiency has a low priority. Investors appear to require higher rates of return from investment in energy efficiency than in energy supply. When energy-saving, but more expensive, refrigerators were introduced in the US more than ten years ago, people wanted savings of 50 per cent on consumption before they would buy. Poor people and small businesses give low priority to energy efficiency.

Third, there are a number of

Third, there are a number of market distortions such as the failure of energy prices to reflect full environmental costs. Similarly, VAT is levied on energy-efficient measures but not on domestic energy supplies.

The Energy Efficiency Office has developed an energy management scheme for companies employing fewer than 500 people. On the domestic side, a study by Alan Hedges called "Attitudes to Energy Conservation" found that most householders are unaware that the energy they use is a significant contributor to global warming, and are willing to reduce consumption.

ttempting to stimulate wider action, the government's conservation campaign includes an energy efficiency labelling scheme for refrigerators and freezers. The scheme, which has the co-operation of the two organisations pioneering home energy labelling in the UK, the National Energy Foundation and MVM-Starpoint, rates appliances on a ten-point scale. The higher the score the more energy-efficient the appliance. Other goods such as washing machines and dishwashers will soon also be similarly rated. The scheme could encourage energy savings of more than £1,500 million a year.



Water power: homes in Milton Keynes may use power generated from a nearby lake

## Project draws on lake power

A PROJECT that would involve taking energy from a lake to heat up to 50 homes is being studied by officials at the National Energy Foundation (NEF), a charity based in Milton Keynes. Buckinghamshire.

The scheme is being piloted on the Energy Park, a 300-acre site in the Shenley Lodge and Knowhill area of Milton Keynes. The aim is to demonstrate energy-efficiency technologies and systems by using heat pumps and heat exchangers to collect energy from the nearby Lake Furzion.

The emergy would be transferred to water circulating as part of a district heating scheme and would supplement that provided by a central combined heat and power generator and off-peak electricity supplied by the national grid.

Dr Neil Cutland, of the

Dr Neil Cutland, of the foundation, a body that has grown out of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation, says studies indicated that the project would not adversely affect the lake's

that the project would not adversely affect the lake's ecology and wildlife.

The project would lower the temperature only by about half a degree, which would alter its temperature to that of a comparable lake in Lincolnshire or Dunstable, a town on the same latitude as Milton Keynes but about 100m

keynes but about 100m higher.
The project highlights one of the more unusual methods being studied to help the nation cut its energy bill and so reduce the emissions of the gases linked with global warming and acid rain.
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One of the main thrusts of government policy has been to support energy efficiency audit schemes that make homeowners aware of energy-efficient design improvements.

Under a scheme run by the NEF, called the National Home Energy Rating system, homeowners pay assessors to measure a house's energy efficiency. The assessment scores the property

# Assessments include insulation for roofs, walls and floors, and better heating

from one to ten. The average house in Britain will score about four, which compares with a Scandanavian average of about nine.

erage of about nine.

The scheme targets not only areas such as insulation for roofs, walls and floors, and better heating systems including bollers, radiators and thermostats but also the efficiency of electrical devices such as lights.

Starpoint, a commercial venture based in Bristol, gives homes a star rating. The government's Building Research Establishment at Watford, Hertfordshire, also has an environmental assessment method initia-

tive (BREEAM).

Starpoint's system is less sophisticated but cheaper than the NEF scheme. The Building Research Establishment's initiative covers a broader environmental remit, assessing not only energy efficiency but such areas as the use of environmentally friendly materials in the

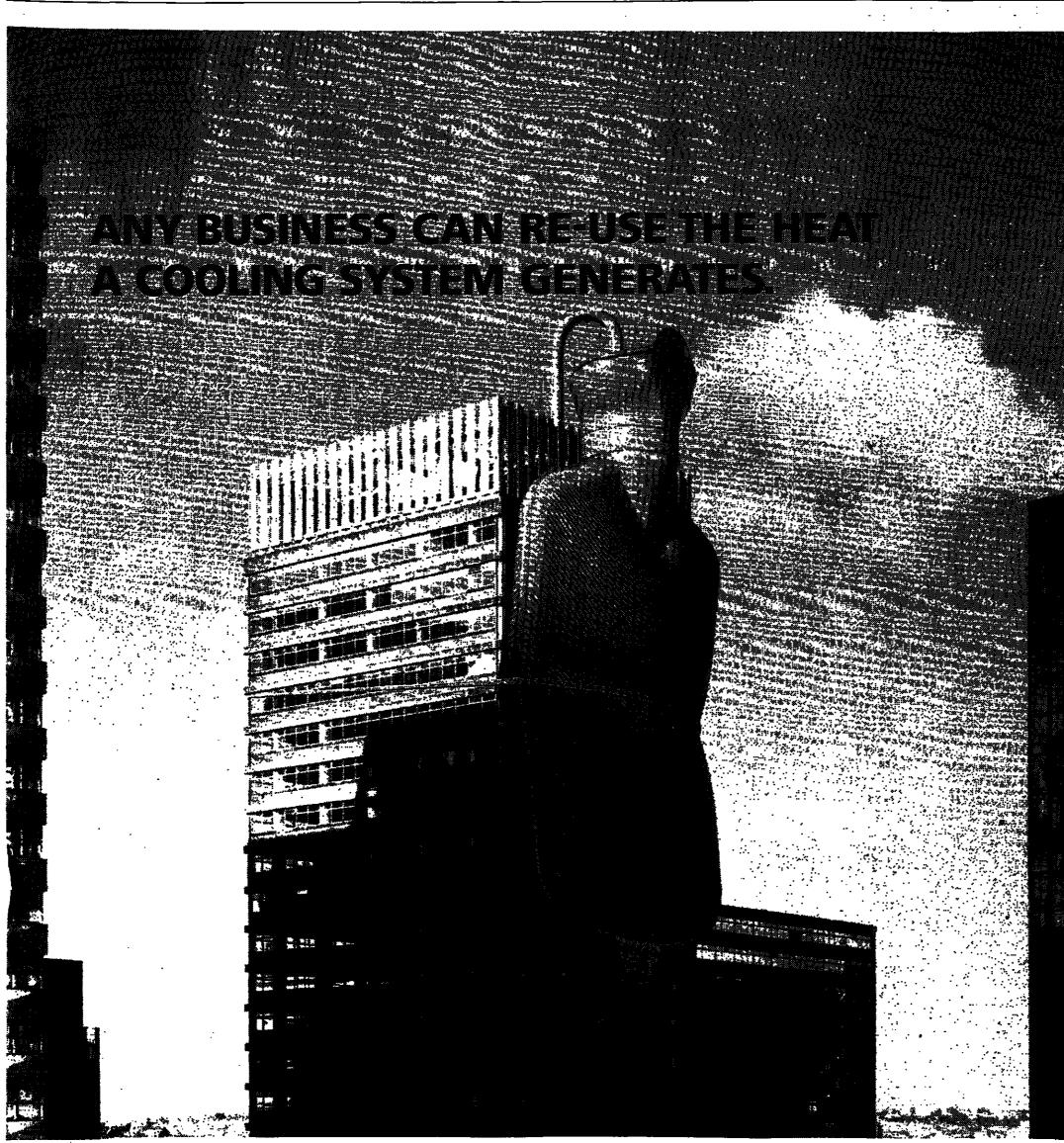
as the use of environmentally friendly materials in the building's construction:

The problem with these schemes is that, if they are to have any real impact on the environment, people need to invest money in the improvements identified by

A recent survey of 94 householders by the environment department found that most of them believed they would eventually move and that paying for features such as insulation would give the house much less of a selling point than a more visually obvious one such as a fitted kitchen. The government does have a scheme to pay for insulation but this covers only lowincome households. Critics, such as the Association for the Conservation of Energy, believe one way the government could act is to cut or remove VAT from energy-efficient products such as

At Milton Keynes there are also projects to demonstrate the energy-saving benefits of such technologies as mains pressure domestic hot water and super-insulated timber-frame construction.

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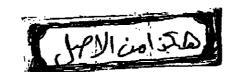
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bills as the newly privatised industry strives for good profits are per-suading more and more factories. hotels and hospitals to try generaling their own electricity in com-

bined heat and power systems.

Combined heat and power, or

CHP, is now a better buy because more economical and reliable engines are under computer control. For years, environmentalists have promoted CHP as a less wasteful way of meeting industry's needs but wide scale adoption was held back by short-term thinking in industry, where payback times for capital investment are usually

fixed at three years, a short period for expensive equipment.

"People are realising that in the long term electricity is going to go up and fuel is going to go down, and that is why CHP is taking off," says David Andrews, an energy consultant with Leverton Cat, a supplier of CHP systems. "Now a certain amount of experience has been built up, so people know it works." The CHP argument has

Chris Partridge sees a great future for CHP in home

and industry

been strengthened by both concern for the environment and economic and technical trends. At least 60 per cent of the thermal energy of the coal and oil in power stations is lost up the cooling towers. If electricity could be generated close to where it is needed, the waste heat could be used for heating and the need for central power stations would be dramatically reduced.

As power stations are among the main sources of greenhouse gases and of the sulphur and nitrogen oxides that cause acid rain, the environmental benefits of CHP could be enormous.

The technical argument is that modern small-scale generator sets with engines from the motor industry are highly reliable and

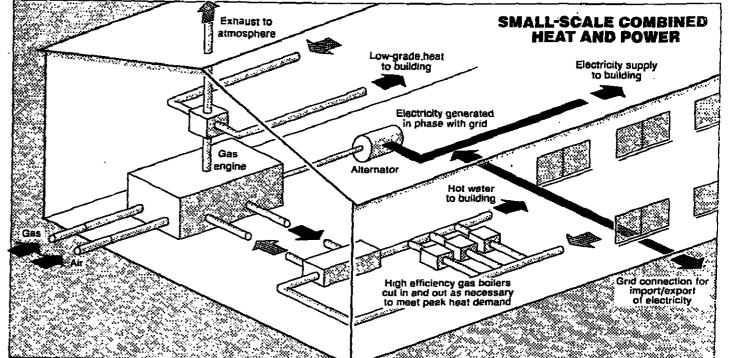
need for them to be constantly monitored. The spread of natural gas has brought a reliable and fairly cheap supply of clean fuel to most places.

The main obstacles to CHP are financial and cultural. Some industry analysis accuse generating companies of trying to strangle CHP by offering large discounts for big electricity users.

Prices may be going up faster than expected, says Julian Packer, of Manchester-based Combined Power Systems, the market leader

The potential savings of CHP

have enabled Combined Power Systems and Leverton Cat to offer buyers a package. The companies supply electricity and heat at a guaranteed discount, and install equipment, which the huyers own and maintain. This system means the customer can have electricity and heat costing about the sam as from a boiler, with no capital investment. This is ideal for charge-capped councils and NHS hospitals that are permitted to buy



heat and power but not heat and power generating equipment, Mr

Packer says.

Combined Power Systems has installed CHP at Harefield Hospital, west London, and Leverton Cat is installing a system at the Mayday Hospital at Croydon. Surrey, where it has guaranteed a saving of at least £30,000 a year on electricity.

Mr Packer says that because of the improvement in reliability many customers are considering cutting themselves off from the electricity grid. They would not have the safety net of supply from the grid, but neither would they have the cost and inconvenience of dealing with outside electricity

suppliers.
The next logical step for CHP is,

however, to transfer surplus electricity to the grid, making money during slack times.

The CHP industry complains bitterly that the market for current is stacked against small suppliers. as the generating companies supply the regional distributors under the terms of privately negotiated contracts that bypass the official "pool", a sort of stock market for electricity. Despite this, CHP is seen as a weapon by people who want to open up the electricity supply industry to smaller

generators. Possibly the most dramatic development will be in the home. Gaspowered generators are on test at British Gas that could be installed in homes, supplying central heating and electricity for the grid.

# Sparking an interest

efficiency, the worst culprits are the consumers who actually pay for the electricity they waste, according to the electricity

"The problem is that people can be indifferent to energy because it is a relatively small item in their budgets," says Jim Smith, the chairman of Eastern Electricity and a past president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. "If you go to a managing director and say 'I am going to save you 40 per cent of your electricity bill, he will look at his total overheads and decide that it is not worth the time and trouble com-pared to the savings gained by cutting half his workforce."

Householders are just as bad, seeing little benefit in spending money on energy saving items such as insulation to cut an already

affordable electricity bill. The low priority attached to energy efficiency by consumers is shown. Mr Smith says, by the low level of entries for the industry's three award schemes: PEP, for industry, Beta, for commercial premises; and Medal-

Tremendous cost savings could be gained from better take up of the schemes," says Mr Smith. "I personally see these schemes as the main

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drive to better use of energy. We are not talking of marginal savings of 5 to 10 per cent — we have case histories showing savings in industry of 60 per cent on average."

Mr Smith cites the case of an oil blending plant of Shell Oil at King's Lynn, were an 85 per cent saving in fuel costs was made by replacing a gas-fired oil preheater by an induction heater. Foundries have been making 75 per cent gains by replacing gas cupolas, used to fuse metals. with induction heaters.

On the domestic side, better insulation and the introduction of modern, computer based beating controls, can provide worthwhile fuel savings for the owner which, if applied in all homes, could make a substantial difference to Britain's overall energy consumption. Mr Smith says. "It is feasible to look for a 10 to 15 per cent reduction in demand over the next four or five years if these schemes were taken up by industry and the public."

The electricity industry itself has

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## 3p to save a fortune

The relationship between the privatised utilities and their respective regulators has appeared a stormy one, but harmony has broken out between British Gas and Sir James McKinnon, the director general of Ofgas, the consumers' watchdog body for the industry, on the issue of energy

efficiency.
Ofgas has agreed with British Gas
that there should be changes in the regulations covering the tariff market, which affects 17 million customers and will come into effect on April I.

The new pricing formula will include an "E factor, which will allow all costs associated with the promotion of energy efficiency to be passed on to the consumer. Under the previous regime not all these costs could be passed on, which meant there was a strong dis-incentive for British Gas to invest in measures resulting in energy savings for the user.

Sir James has also suggested that gas bills should be raised to pay for better insulation in homes occupied by the less well-off households. His suggestion would put 3p a week on the average bill to fir

paign of action.

Charities have estimated that six million householders cannot afford basic insulation and draught-proofGAS

ing, and live in badly designed homes, which leak heat. Inefficient, expensive heating systems such as electric bar fires impose an extra

Ofgas has pointed out that these people go cold, and the elderly among them could die as a result, or they could run up debts and be disconnected. Expensive systems also waste gas and coal, adding to air pollution and the greenhouse

Sir James says: "There is no question of this being a charitable act. It is a major advance to improve poorly insulated homes and ensure that the money people can afford to buy warmth is well spent. The nation also benefits because a finite fuel is used more sparingly."
Ofgas has said British Gas should

concentrate on selling hot air inside homes and buildings, rather than gas, and should market energy conservation measures such as improved insulation and better boilers as aggressively as it markets gas. British Gas considers Sir James's

DAVID YOUNG

## Fired for the future

leaning up coal is one of the major priorities of the energy industry. Coal-fired power stations pump out well over half of Britain's output of the gases that cause acid rain. They also generate about a third of the carbon dioxide that may be contributing to the greenhouse effect.

The first and most obvious step in reducing smokestack pollution is to fit cleaning stages to the chimneys, an expensive and inefficient method but the only option for existing plant. The next generation of coal-fired power stations will be built to comply with future pollution standards, as well as operating more efficiently than current designs.

Unfortunately, privatisation of the electricity industry has put installa-tion of new technology back at least five years in the UK, industry

observers say.

No new coal-fired power stations are to be built before the year 2000. and the small generators that will enter service before then all run on natural gas. The current coal-fired power stations are either having gas cleaning equipment installed or are

coal-fired generating stations will be needed, because stocks of oil and gas will run out in some time in the

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middle of the next century, but reserves of coal are estimated to last for more than 200 years at current rates of consumption.

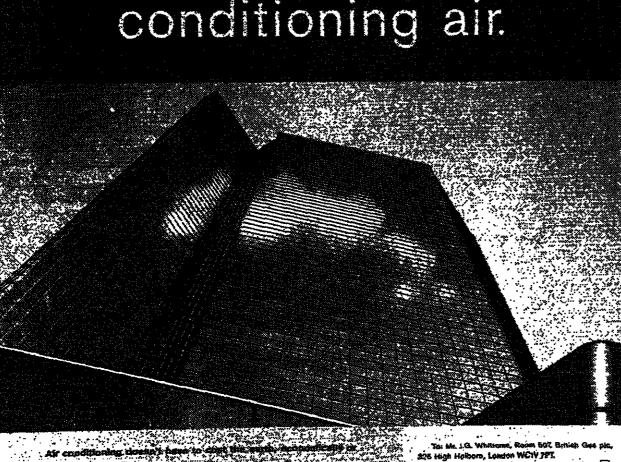
All methods of reducing emissions carry an efficiency penalty, however. The first generations of "greener" power stations are now being built abroad. They are based on fluidised bed technology, first developed by British Coal but taken up in Sweden by ABB Carbon. Pulverised coal in a fluidised bed burns evenly and hot. and the exhaust gases can be burnt in the best way to minimise

Another approach is to gasify the coal completely and feed the gas to a gas turbine, called integrated gasification combined cycle (igec). An igec demonstration plant is being built by by British Gas at Westfield. Scotland.

In the long term British Coal is preparing topping cycle technology, a combination of gasification and fluidised bed technologies to get the best performance out of gas turbines and steam turbines. British Coa. aims to build a demonstrator topping cycle power station by 2000.

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Saving face: Andrew Warren, the director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, pictured with a lamp designed to save energy

# Europe saves for future

ave It is back. Remember that slogan of the 1970s? It was coined shortly after the first great oil price hike of 1973 to impress upon us the need to cease wasting energy. It generated a multitude of responses — some positive, some witty, some plain lewd. In short, it caught the public imagination in a way no energy conservation campaign has since.

That knowledge no doubt underlay

That knowledge no doubt underlay the decision by the European Commission to christen their new energy programme, SAVE — standing for Specific Actions for Vigorous Energy Efficiency. It is intended to make almost as great a contribution to the European Community's efforts to combat global warming, as the controversial 10 dollar a barrel energy/carbon tax.

Its initial budget is relatively small

— 35 million Ecus spread over the
period 1991-95. The European parliament demanded forcefully that it
should be raised to 105 million ECU.
However, officials charged with overseeing the programme argued, somewhat unusually, for the lower figure
on the grounds that this is fundamentally a legislative, not a research

programme.

The initial signs are that staff and resources are too scarce to ensure that SAVE keeps to its schedule. By the end of 1991, only two of an anticipated five draft directives had been issued, causing a potentially alarming logiam.

Andrew Warren throws some light on the European Commission's SAVE programme

The background to SAVE is simply stated. As the European Commission, its promoter, notes: "If current trends in the consumption of energy continue, there is little hope of the community achieving its 1985-1995 objective of improving by 20 per cent the efficiency of final demand. Failure to achieve this will have serious consequences for energy supply, the environment and European connectifineness."

As the official SAVE report somewhat drily observes! "Since 1985, the majority of member states have reduced or even abolished their programmes which directly support energy efficiency-linked investments. The focus has been on information programmes and a substantial disengagement of the public authorities. It is thus not surprising that during the period 1986-89 there was a further falling off in the improvement in average energy intensity in the

The message has gone home. Against a background of growing environmental pressure concerning the climate change brought about by excessive fuel use and concern about oil shortages, the new programme is intended to reverse the recent legacy of benign neglect. There is no suggestion that the various measures pro-

posed should do other than supplement those currently being introduced in various EC countries but each is intended to provide a constructive background, and a communality of purpose, for the various national schemes.

The SAVE programme is divided into three parts: altering consumer behaviour, improving the performance of equipment and introducing new financial measures. These three are trusty old chestnuts for energy saving programmes.

Among the proposals due to be published this year is a directive ensuring that occupants of blocks of flats will no longer have flat-rate gas or electricity bills; each home will be individually metered. Other proposals include:

• A standardised EC appliable label

mation about the energy consumption of appliances.

Requirements for energy surveys of existing properties, particularly on change of ownership.

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existing properties, particularly on change of ownership.

Minimum insulation levels for all new buildings.

Minimum performance standards

for cars, with regular compulsory inspection.

• A series of 15 pilot studies comparing the cost of investment in

new power generation technology with the cost of reducing demand.

All this is refreshingly radical. It is only when it comes to the promotion of "financial instruments" that SAVE seems to pull its punches. Throughout the preparation of the programme, the EC bureaucrats have stressed that their proposed measures are intended

the EC bureaucrats have stressed that their proposed measures are intended to complement and encourage what member states are already doing, or should be doing, to encourage energy efficiency. In this area particularly, it is constitutionally quite difficult for the EC to do more than encourage national governments to take action. Their powers are mainly persuasive.

Its proponents are proud of SAVE. Antonio Cardoso e Cunha, the EC energy commissioner has stated that, even without complementary national programmes, SAVE could reduce Europe's energy use by 12 per cent. It is forecast to reduce carbon dioxide emissions (the main climate change gas) by more than 500 million tonnes every year and should save the equivalent of 100 million tonnes of oil.

Together with other forms of action, such as fuel substitution, the development of renewable energy sources and the use of economic and fiscal measures, SAVE is likely to make a significant contribution to the European Community's declared targets, for both energy efficiency and global warming.

● The author is the director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

# The commission looks for support

he British government and the European Commission agree that we use too much energy but have hardly seen eye to eye on the subject of conservation. British prefers persuasion and allowing consumers to realise the folly of wasting energy by spelling out the cost. The commission favours the approach of imposing rules, which some see as

heavy-handed and inflexible.

The commission proposals have yet to be set out in full, but already there are indications that they will find little favour with the British government or, if initial cost calculations are borne out, the public.

Moves promised by European Community members to cut energy use to prevent global warming are well behind schedule. Only two EC directives have been agreed so far, and Britain has opted out of the one dealing with more efficient heating bollers.

boilers.

More than 12 months ago the EC promised to stabilise carbon dioxide emissions at 1990 levels by 2000, and then cut them. At the time this resolve was hailed as an example to the world, but as 1992 begins more than 20 initiatives are still at the drafting stage, and most of the £35 million budget for 1991-5 may remain untouched because of lack of staff and political will.

A directive on the performance standards of 85 per cent efficiency for new liquid and gas-fired boilers, was weakened after British energy

department objections.

About 60 per cent of British-made boilers would not meet the new standards. Copper boilers, about 30 per cent of the market, would qualify, but the cast-iron ones, cheap to install but expensive to run, would not.

Agreement has finally been reached, and Britain has been allowed to opt out of introducing efficient boilers until 1997, and to continue making less efficient models, provided it does not export to the Continent.

The energy department arned that the directive would David Young on

why Britain is against forced energy saving

restrict choice, increase the cost of installing and updating central heating, and cost jobs. David Heathcoat-Amory, an energy minister, says that enforcing the directive would cost 4,500 jobs among workers in foundries and those in related occupations.

Up to 60 per cent of central heating installations would need alterations costing between £200 and £1,000, and converting all the boilers in the UK would cost more than £2 billion.

However, the department's reasoning has been condemned by the Association



Carlo Ripa di Meana

for the Conservation of Energy. Andrew Warren, its director, says: "It is an appalling indictment of the shortsightedness of the energy department that it has chosen to champion the 60 per cent of

boilers that are inefficient."

More widespread public opposition to EC moves could come later this year when the cost of the policies are calculated. An energy tax that would raise the price of household fuel more than 50 per cent by 2000 has already been debated by EC energy and environment ministers as part of proposals to cut car-

next century and combat global warming.

All EC consumers could

face much higher bills for electricity, gas, oil and coal, and the enormous sums raised could be used to reduce other taxes. Brinain's VAT rate could be cut from 17.5 to 15.5 per cent, or 3p could be lopped off the basic income tax rate, according to the Cambridge Econometrics group of forecasters. The commission has proposed the tax to give Europe world leadership in the fight against

man-made climate change.
Carlo Ripa di Meana, the
environment commissioner,
says: "If nobody makes the
first move, we will all let
things get worse and worse."

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Britain's energy department says it is interested, but much more study is needed of the impact of the tax on low-income families, economies and the international competitiveness of European inclustry before it can be introduced.

ohn Wakeham, the energy secretary, has said that if the tax reduces Europe's fuel demand, international energy prices will be reduced. Consequently, the rest of the world would use more energy. So although Europe would look more virtuous, just as much carbon dioxide would be poured into the atmosphere.

the atmosphere.

The commission's proposal is that the tax should begin in 1993 on all fossil fuels at a level equivalent to \$3 per barrel of oil, rising by \$1 a year to reach \$10 by 2000.

The tax would hit fuels such as coal and coke hardest, as they produce the most carbon dioxide, and in Britain the tax would be hardest on low-income families, who spend proportionately more of their income on heating.

Mr Walcham says the government is not opposed in principle to energy taxes provided they can be fairly applied, but he emphasises that the EC is responsible for only 13 per cent of carbon dioxide emissions compared with 25 per cent by the United States and the former communist bloc.



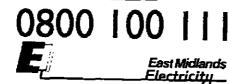


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The odds are that the oppor-

runity will be missed.

The reasons, says Jeremy Russell, a consultant to the British government's know-how fund for Eastern Europe, are apathy, confusion and the persuasive power of Western

companies.

"A lot of the decisions they need to take are going to be made for them by outsiders," he says. "Western energy companies are trying to persuade them to buy new power plants, when they outside to be asking whether they are going to need them."

going to need them."

Mr Russell's fears are shared by the International Institute for Energy Conservation, a Washington think tank, which has been pressing the World Bank and other lending institutions to change their policies towards

Eastern Europe. Michael Philips, the instiEastern Europe is cleaning up its Marxist past, Nigel Hawkes writes

tute's programme manager for policy and development institutions, argues that while the multilateral lending banks invest more than \$5 billion a year in energy, of which \$3 billion comes from the World Bank alone, less than I per cent of the banks lending goes towards improving energy efficiency.

The banks, he says, are

The banks, he says, are locked into the traditional mode of thinking, in which energy is synonymous with energy supply. In fact, many studies have shown that a better return can be achieved by investments directed at saving energy.

By reducing the need to build new refineries and power stations, such investments would have the further benefit of reducing the pall of pollution over Eastern Europe.

What the banks should be supporting, Mr Philips says, is the "least-cost energy path", a discipline in which all possibilities for providing energy services are compared on an equal footing.

Often, he says, the best way of providing a service will be by improving the efficiency of end use. Every kilowatt-hour of electricity saved by insul-

ation or more efficient lighting is a kilowati-hour that cam be used somewhere else.

he used somewhere else.

Mr Philips says: "In every country, energy savings are available at less cost than the equivalent new energy supplies."

Mr Russell, a former Shell

executive, is the author of a report. "Energy and Environmental Conflicts in East/Central Europe: the case of power generation", published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs last month.

He says decision-makers in Eastern Europe, already harassed by the social and political consequences of the now being sweet-talked by Western sales representatives into Investing in energy supplies rather than energy

Mr Russell says: "This is an opportunity to hop over many wasteful practices in energy, but I fear we are going to help to perpetuate them." His report says the newly democratised countries need disinterested advice about whether there is a need for new power stations of which type and make of power station should be installed.

The institute says the money saved by concentrating on energy efficiency would free resources for other sectors of the economy that will need them urgently. Mr Russell agrees.



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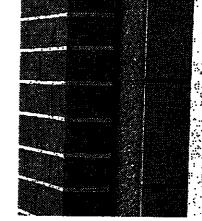
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# **EDUCATION TIMES**



First day back at the university — Britain's only such privately-funded institution — that charges £16,000 for a student to read for a two-year degree

SCHOOL everal hundred students start a new academic year today, knowing they will Card the second be paying annual fees of 18,000 for a university education that their peers will get for

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The students nave open to the year degrees at Britain's only university, in Bucking name. Now 15 years old, the university is about to come under the public spotlight again with the appointment of Sir Richard Luce, he former arts minister, as vicehancellor, and Margaret " Thatcher as chancellor.

Since being granted run university status nine years ago, Buckngham has been quietly living flown its early reputation as a eight-wing experiment, winning acceptance in the higher education world. The choice of two Since being granted full univerenior Conservatives is a calculat-ed risk: it may revive old antipa-thies, but it should raise the university's profile.

Buckingham has always appealed to students who cannot get nibother universities or who want he quickest possible mid-career preak. However, as the higher aducation system expands at preakneck speed and the 34 polytopharing baseage universities students. echnics become universities, students' options are widening.

Even the two-year degree will not be unique for long because a number of polytechnics are running pilot programmes next year. For a university that lives or dies on the number of students it can attract, such heightened competition represents a serious threat,

but also an opportunity. Buckingham's other main sell-

# Will the Thatcher factor work?

The appointment of two Conservative flag-bearers is a gamble for Britain's only private university. John O'Leary reports

ing point is the personal touch allowed by its smallness. In an era of mass higher education, that may allow the university to thrive against the odds.

At the same time, Buckingham's new appointments should pay dividends in the international market, which still provides most of the university's students. Sir Richard, who will join as soon as a general election is called, has valuable contacts from two spells in the Foreign Office, and there could hardly be a better standard-bearer abroad than Mrs Thatcher. With a Buckingham degree costing at least £20,000 by the

time living expenses are added to the annual fees, some might have expected the recession to have dimmed the university's prospects. In fact, a 150 per cent increase in applications from the first year in which students could apply through the universities central admissions system was followed by

a 20 per cent increase last year.

The university dispenses

£274,000 in bursaries, as well as running a hardship fund for those who run into unforeseen financial difficulties.

Professor Peter Watson, the acting vice-chancellor, says: "We have had a very modest increase in applications to the hardship fund, but otherwise the recession has not affected us too badiy yet."

he attractions of two-year degrees are even stronger now that students elsewhere are amassing debts, rather than finding jobs or claiming benefits in their vacations. Buckingham students study for 40 weeks of the year, including a compulsory foreign language course. Few of those returning for the new year admit to regrets about their choice of university.

Sarah Wilson, a 22-year-old English student, says: "Compared with friends at other universities, we have to hand in a lot more work. But the students' first priority here is their degrees."

Mohammed Al-Ali, the 25-yearold Kuwaiti president of the students' union and a beneficiary of the hardship fund during the Gulf war, says: "There is a great sense of community, and students of all ages from all over the world really mix well. The facilities may not be as good as at other universities' but

they are improving." Professor Watson concedes that students paying such high fees expect more. Five acres of farmland on the edge of Buckingham are being converted to playing fields, and a sports hall is promised when the present £6 million building plan has been completed. That involves the conversion of nearby Victorian factory buildings, increasing the teaching and library space by 50 per cent. The development promises to transform the campus, where the

scale has always been that of a small college, rather than a university. It will also make room for a planned expansion from 900 to 1.300 students by the year 2000.

Sir Richard Luce, whose son is a

Buckingham graduate, is reluc-tant to contemplate further growth and wants to avoid his appointment being seen as a Conservative coup.

He says: "I am conscious that the combination of myself and

Mrs Thatcher may be seen in political terms, but I am determined that Buckingham should continue to welcome people of all persuasions, as it always has done. As an independent university, it needs to be at the leading edge of higher education."

After a period of consolidation, Buckingham staff are in bullish mood. The law school claims the biggest undergraduate recruitment of any university other than Cambridge, and the research po-tential in life sciences has been enhanced by the arrival of Professor Len Evans from Leeds University. Spanish, Italian and Japanese courses are being planned, as well as a novel combination of law, biology and the environment.

Buckingham's success never encouraged the growth of other independent universities that many expected, and is unlikely now to reach the original target of 3,000 students. Indeed, it would not meet the criteria laid down by the government last week for colleges to become universities.
Yet the achievement of gatecrashing a previously select university club, and winning academic respectability should not be

There should be room for a bit of diversity," Professor Watson says. "It is a miracle we are here at all."

#### NOTICEBOARD .....

#### Freedom fighters

GOVERNMENT proposals to safeguard academic freedom under the further and higher education bill have failed to quell opposition from universities and peers from both main parties. The amendments will be discussed in the House of Lords today in an attempt to defuse claims that the bill gives unlimited power to the government to intervene in the running of universities.

Under the main amendment, the education secretary would be prevented from issuing or-ders relating to specific courses or research programmes. Both the contents of courses and the manner in which they are taught, supervised and assessed would be left to institutions.

Vice-chancellors had hoped that the changes would limit ministers' powers to the protection of public money. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals says: "The govern-ment amendments are better than nothing, but we would prefer to see the circumstances in which ministers can exercise their powers clearly defined."

#### Pass master

JOHN PHILLIPS is to step down as chairman of the Associated Examining Board at the age of 80 but will retain links with the board as its president. Mr Phillips, a barrister, joined in 1957, becoming chairman

In the next ten years, the number of candidates taking the board's examinations rose by more than 40 per cent at a time when secondary school populations had started to fall.

 Portsmouth's hopes of be coming a university city by May have begun with a £20 million scheme spread over four years to upgrade the local polytech-nic. The new university will attract an extra 2,000 pupils to new buildings costing £14

#### Cut the cuts

HEADTEACHERS of every school in Rochdale are mounting a campaign against the £4 million cut in education spending proposed by the local authority, Greater Manchester. The 107 heads say that previous cuts have already damaged the education service and that the further proposed reduction-

equivalent to the closure of 15 primary schools, each with 250 pupils - would put intolerable strains on schools. David Lack, the spokesman for the heads, emphasises that this is not a political campaign. "We would be saying this, whichever party was in power."

• Ministers have offered help to a school with a £5.7 million asbestos problem. Lothian Region, in Scotland, will be allowed to borrow the money to clean up the 1,000-pupil Linlithgow Academy. Local authorities are normally responsible for building work.

#### Century score

IN MARCH 1892 a group of preparatory school headmasters met in Marylebone, central London, to discuss the appropriate size and weight of a cricket ball to be used in inter-school matches. The meeting led to the formation of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory. which will mark its centenary with a day of celebration in London on July 18.

The association plans to raise more than £100,000 for the Joint Education Trust, which helps place children from disadvantaged homes in independent boarding schools.

#### Head of heads



Chairman: Father Dominic

THE Rev Dominic Milroy, a Benedictine monk and headmaster of Ampleforth College, near York is the new chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, which represents 234 leading independent schools. In a letter to his fellow headmasters, he says: "Our solidarity with the maintained sector is of the deepest importance for the future of the nation's education and we should do everything we can to cultivate it by seeking points of convergence, both nationally and locally."

DAVID TYTLER

# All the class is a stage

How actors are bringing Shakespeare's plays to life for pupils

new approach to the teaching of Shakespeare is giving fresh life to the classics for pupils in Gwent. A Aidsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, he Tempest and Romeo and Juliet are eing introduced to ten to 12-year-olds nrough improvisation and music.

Jane Davies, Gwent's drama advisory eacher, devised the scheme, which treats very play as a script to be acted rather han a text to be read behind desks, and ises actors from a local theatre. "We ombine movement, mime and disussions to illustrate Shakespearean hemes and characters," she says.

This term, Miss Davies and John ovet, a Gwent Theatre actor, are unrang workshops on A Midsummer light's Dream in 22 secondary schools. Mr Lovet says: "We begin by giving each 12-year-old a line from Puck's peech. Now the hungry lion roars', and isking them to enact their line's key vords through mime or action. They oon grasp that their lines are part of a whole. They then use the text as a pasis for writing their own poetry, often containing the horror images that eature in Shakespeare's speech." Miss Davies adds: "Throughout. emphasis is placed on studying Shakespeare's language. In the past, children have been pur off Shakespeare because the vocabulary is unfamiliar. By focussing on key words we bypass this

Children also work with the theatre designer on creating masks and costumes, and the workshop ends with



atmospheric music composed with the help of a company musician. "The approach stimulates the pupils to study the play further in class." Mr Lovet says, "encouraging us to reconsider characterisation before performing the play to participating schools next term."

Earlier this year, a similar method was

adopted to introduce Macbeth to 5,500 primary school pupils. Friendly "ser-

vants" in Macbeth's castle invited the

children to meet the main characters, and explain the action to them in modern English whenever the speeches and soliloquies proved difficult. "As a result," Mr Lovet says, "the children quickly grasped the theme of the play and enjoyed the experience."

For most pupils, this was their introduction to Shakespeare, but it was so successful that Miss Davies and the actors wrote a guidebook for teachers. Many of the sample lessons in the book were tested in schools last term.

As the project emphasises Shake-speare's cross-curricular appeal, Romeo and Juliet is explored through music. Pupils are given copies of the prologue and, after familiarising themselves with its rhythm, they set it to music. The pupils then identify significant words — "grudge" and "death", for example and establish whether the tune they

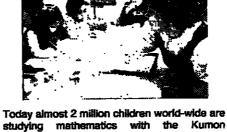
choose is appropriate. For teachers and actors, the active approach's greatest benefit is that it makes the classics enjoyable for pupils. Miss Davies concludes: "Shakespeare is not boring when taught this way."

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# The language of recession

or the first time in 20 years, self-doubt has crept into one of Britin's long-term boom ininstance, EFL, the teaching of English as a foreign lanstage. There are now an stimuted 800 schools attracting 500,000 students a year and about £1 billion in

reign exchange. EFL is believed to be Brithin's sixth biggest source of invisible earnings, ahead of ilms and television, publicly financed education and conling engineers.

The industry has long suf-fered from bad publicity because of the unregulated part of the industry that raters for a third of the students and is often accused

of giving poor traition. This year there have been other problems. The Gulf war set back bookings, the in-Gease in VAT has made the dustry even less competlive compared with rivals in the US, Australia, Ireland and Malta and the recession is making potential cus-tomers look at different ways of learning English.

#### Schools teaching English to foreigners earn millions for

Britain, but profits are down

Jane Merrick is a director of the Region Group, whose 15 schools provide individ-ual tuition for business executives all year and for groups of teenagers in the

She says: "We are at the quality end so we have not been as badly hit as some, yet we are 15 per cent down on last year. Some schools have had to cut their classes by half and others, which are equipped to cater for a hun-dred a week, now have only a

handful of students. "One Italian organisation, which last year sent thousands of students, is this year sending only hundreds. Competition is getting stronger elsewhere, so we have to need much harder on our work much harder on our product and our marketing if we are going to recover fully." Timothy Blake, who runs

the London School of English in Holland Park, says: "The average age of our students is 30 and they are mostly professional people.

There is a universal need back this year.

largely recovered because adults tend to book much later, but those who cater for children have been far worse hit. Plans for trips to Britain to learn English are usually made in January, which was the time of the war last year. "Many parents decided

to learn English. The Gulf war set the whole industry "The adult market has

1991 was not the year to send Pedro or Gina off to learn the language." Robin Watson runs a

chool at Brecon, in south

Wales, where each year 200 European business people go for a taste of country life

we have long-standing relationships with leading companies such as Fiat and IBM. Although business is down, it is still better than three years ago." Over the past 20 years, John Rendle has built up a thriving English Studies Centre in Coventry. At its

peak, the business was providing 4,000 "student

weeks" a year. He says:

"This is our worst year. I just

hope we get through this year

without getting too much in

and individual tuition. He says: "We do most of our

Richard Livingstone, the chief executive of Arels Felco, the British Council recognised language-tuition trade body, accepts that 1991 has been a difficult year but adds: "Excluding the rogue schools, we are still ahead on quality. All the world uses the books and material developed in Britain and it is our training of teachers that

other countries want." HUGH THOMPSON

# When a child spins off the fast track

Hugh Thompson reports on a boy who

could not cope when he was moved

to a more competitive preparatory school

he plan was for Edward Marshall, who is ten years old, to go to a fast-track prep school in Kingston, southwest London, until he was 13, then take the Common Entrance examination for one of the leading London independent schools such as St Paul's or Westminster.

Last September, he duly moved from his primary school in nearby His mother, Elizabeth. recalls: "At first, he was enthusiastic about the idea of stepping out on his own and going to a school with such good sports facilities. We were happy having looked over various schools and Edward (not his real name) had passed the exam.

'Almost at once we noticed he was miserable. There were tears in the morning and evening. But we put this down to the problems of settling down with a group of boys who had been together for several years."
Edward's father, David, continues:

"I went to Sherborne and I remember hating the prep school when I first went, so I did not worry much when Edward found it difficult to settle. I thought it was part of the process of finding his way, becoming accepted by another group."

Edward, however, had obviously

made up his mind that, fast-track or not, the school was not for him. He was continually complaining that his previous friends were going to good schools such as Latymer Upper so why was he having to go through such an unpleasant experience?

He became ill. The parents started to realise that the problem might represent something more than the normal teething difficulties when a child moves into a more competitive environment

Mrs Marshall says: "We told him we would think again at half-term. By then, he had become pale, was complaining of stomach upsets and had to be taken out of school on a number of occasions. Monday mornings became quite painful. He had changed from being a robust boy into a clinging child who could not bear to see us go out." After six weeks of consultation with the new school and his old primary. Edward made the

switch back to Putney.

Mr Marshall says: "All the time he kept saying to us, 'Why don't you listen to me?' In the end, we decided that the happiness of our child was more important than our ambitions. Academically, he got on well at the fast-track, he loved the teachers. But in the end, he couldn't see the logic of being at that school.

"He voted with his feet. I realised that my son was not me. To be positive about the experience, we have learnt that our child's happiness is more important than his education." Many children find switching schools difficult. Most successful schools are adaptable enough and most children flexible enough to accommodate each other, but sometimes the initial problems develop into something more.

oy Moody, a former housemaster at Epsom College in Surrey and headmaster of the Kingston prep for six years, says: "Edward was happy at his previous school and when things got difficult did not see why he should make the effort.
"Several types of boy can have

problems. Some are just unsuitable for the a school and these they should be spotted and dealt with quickly.

There are those who are sensitive and vulnerable and have to be helped through the process of adjustment. Some need more time than others: the process of settling down in any new environment involves a change in the pecking order, which involves a certain amount of jostling.

"Some boys are better at handling this than others. The school always provides a helping hand but adults cannot be too involved. Otherwise the boy cannot fend for himself."

Peter Kendall, an educational psychologist, says: "This kind of problem is fairly common. It comes down to



whether the face fits. Ninety per cent of children are worried in the first half an hour of a new school. After two days the number is down to about 10 per cent, and after a week you are left with about 5 per cent.

"In the case you describe, it may be that if more new boys had been joining with Edward, he would have been carnouflaged and got away with it. The trouble is that going to a more competitive school is not just a question of moving up an intellectual gear but about how children react to change, what social skills they have and how competitive they are.

The first sign of a serious problem is disruption in sleeping or eating habits. It is rare for a ten-year-old child to accuse his or her parents of not listening, as in this case. That was a real flashing light.

We had a 13-year-old from one of the main London boarding schools, who was tall and artistic and was unlucky in his choice of house. He

was bullied, but insisted on trying to sit it out. He has now switched to a top London day school. In order to survive, he had to say he was leaving because his parents could no longer afford the fees."

Roger Trafford, the headmaster of Clifton prep school and the chairman of the Incorporated Association of Prep Schools, says: "It does happen that a school and a child are totally unsuited. However, I think it is dangerous for any parent to say to a child, 'Let us give it a term and if you do not like it, you can change'.

"Parents must do their homework, but if there are problems they should talk to the school. Often they are seeing a different child. Schools today are pretty flexible. Although no headteacher likes to admit that their school has failed, they will, if they are worth their salt, sometimes admit a change is necessary. There is no point in forcing a child. School should be

# The public service, of private schools

IS IT right that "a few wealthy independent schools continue to enjoy high incomes generated by their charitable endowments"? I quote from the advertising material for today's conference in London. Schools organised that the Phinesters of Sprint Change. by the Directory of Social Change.

I have little doubt where the organisers' sympathies lie. Professor Brian Simon, whose hostility to independent schools is well documented, will ask whether schools that already have more than others can justify using charitable funding.

The question is fair. Everybody knows

there is a difference between Eton College and Barnardos. However, my answer to the question is a resounding "Yes". The Charitable Uses Act of 1601, which still determines the course of the English law of charity, does not give a definition but an enumeration of charitable uses. The act's enumeration of charitable uses. The act's provisions include the relief of poverty and distress, but also roadworks, flood defences, the preservation of ancient buildings and industrial training, indicating that caring about such things is for good for the whole community.

The 19th century gave not a definition of charitable uses but at least a classification, which was given voice by Lord Macnaghten in a 1893 case. This also includes relief of poverty, which is a universal attribute of charity, and it adds: of education, the advancement of religion,

Building bridges: David Jewell

Laws of England says that for nearly two centuries the courts have considered that independent schools benefit "a sufficient risk, the number of scholarships and bur-section of the community". saries would be drastically cut and some section of the community".

Lord Goodman's committee on charity,

set up by a Labour government in 1976, and the 1990 judgment from Anthony Lester, QC, and David Pannick argued that "an exclusion of fee-charging schools from charitable status would be a breach of the state's duty to respect the right of parents to ensure their children an education in conformity with their own philosophic

The courts will not judge between political views. If education is a proper charitable activity, all education is proper charitable activity. Charitable status, however, brings responsibilities as well as fiscal benefits. The most important responsibility is to ensure that the fiscal benefits of charitable status are used charitably. A recent survey shows that independent schools pay out more in bursaries and scholarships than they receive as a result of charitable status. The schools benefited by

status but gave away more than £55.3 million in scholarships and bursaries.

The gap between charitable grants made by the schools and the benefits they gain from charitable status has widened since the previous survey. Charitable grants have increased by 52 per cent, whereas benefits have increased by only 34 per cent. At Eton, one boy in six has a free or reduced fee place, and at Winchester, more than a quarter of the boys receive

direct assistance with fees.

Most independent schools benefit their local communities not only as employers but also through community, service pro-grammes. The programmes link the schools with its local community, with local maintained schools, particularly primary and special schools, with local authority fromes and with all sorts of agencies.

There are many examples throughout Britain of schools serving the local community. Independent schools also play a prominent part in national projects. Most schools have devised schemes to bring the

local community and the school closer by good use of the buildings and facilities. Hadeybury's complex of sports hall and allweather games surface is shared with people from outside the school, and this prac-tice is repeated throughout the coun-try. If charitable status was removed, the schools fees would ---

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rise. Small schools would be particularly and other purposes building brages. Daying would be particularly beneficial to the community". Halsbary's affected, especially those that use charitable endowments to keep basic fees low. Some religious foundations would be at

schools would not survive Although most schools would be winged rather than mortally wounded we would be made much more exclusive because many parents who can now just afford to send us their children would have to remove them. In my many years in teaching, more than 20 as a headmaster, I have devoted much time to building bridges between the maintained and the independent sectors,

sector colleagues to contribute to the maintained sector and to learn from it.

I view the threat of the removal charitable status, leading inevitably to further divergence between the two sectors, with great sadness. I fervently hope it will never happen.

and I have encouraged my independent

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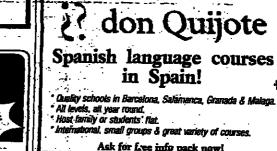
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again England failed to do so. Worse, at two five metre

scrums, they were penalised

needlessly, once for backchat by Skinner and once when

Gareth Simmonds, on the

touchline, detected some ne-

farious activity by Winter-bottom. From a third, Dooley looked as though he had

foraged a way through only to be penalised for a double

movement in attempting to

touch down, completing not the best of alternoons for

England's most-capped lock

he got away with an unseen elbow to Weir's head but was

flagged for trampling on Smith's head.

The bedrock of England's

success, though, was their forthright tackling, notably from Winterbottom and in

midfield. Nothing got past Carling and Guscott, while

the Scots were running up an

almost unbelievable 11-1

lineout advantage in the first

half and, frequently, Carling was on his feet to make the

second, and even the third,

Ian McGeechan, the Scot-

land coach, lamented the

points that got away in that first half, which turned pre-

match prediction on its head.



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Richards poses problem for selectors after stirring contribution in five nations' championship opener

# England are left dissatisfied

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHAT will England do with Dean Richards now? The selectors have a week to ponder the victory at Murrayfield on Saturday before nominating the ream to meet Ireland on February 1. and Richards, coming on as a and kichards, coming on as a replacement for the final quarter of an uneven match, will have left them in a quandary by the quality of his

Initially, they will wait until their medical advisers con-firm that Tim Rodber will be available. Rodber left the field on his first international appearance after an accidental blow on the head had gener-ated a constricting impulse through to his neck; a precautionary x-ray at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary revealed no damage and, though he has been advised not to play for Northampton in their Pilk-ington Cup match against Bath this weekend, he should be fit if required against the

When he left, Rodber was becoming part of a burgeon-ing England forward effort and the game, at 16-7, was slipping from Scotland fast originally for a particular

will get a further opportunity, and certainly that would be fair to the player. But purpose was far from discernible in the first half of the international sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland. England failed to function at forward; that they won by a goal, a try, four penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and a penalty to retain the Calcutta Cup speaks volumes for their second-half concentration, if not always for their discioline.

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But the additional element of control and cohesion that Richards brought with him was as valuable to his colleagues as it was disheartening to the Scots. "We were mightily relieved to have his solid presence to take control in those close areas," Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said. "But we selected the side

Scotland dominated the setpieces and Smith and McIvor were voracious in their appe-That suggests that Rodber tite for loose ball, but they had to take every scoring chance available, and Gavin Hastings could not. His opening penalty gave Scotland the lead for the only time in the match, but thereafter he missed three penalties and a conversion, though his general play remained of the highest quality.

the need to create scores from pressure positions, and yet run the loose ball, so Guscott 1 3

Scotland also contributed to England's ten first-half points, by conceding two unnecessary penalties and pos-session in the tackle. Halliday, outstanding throughout, had the vision to



Back in the swing: Morris passes as he is tackled at Murrayfield on Saturday

was able to put Underwood clear, the wing sprinting 50 metres for his 33rd international try but the first in his eight games against Scot-

That was cancelled out by White's try as the Scots, following their plan of speeding the game up at every of treatment to Moore by driving a five-metre scrum over the line almost at the gallop. But, on a grey day when Scots generally were gloomy about their prospects, goal, levered open the gap

and Guscott dropped a high, handsome goal with time to

As his forwards provided more ammunition, Morris vas able to construct a welljudged game which he con-cluded with the final try after Halliday's slashing diagonal run It was only England's at Murraviield since 1980, but they have never won in Scotland by a wider margin and they are looking with grim purpose at another five nations' championship: for Scotland, despite the ex-

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonans); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonans), S R P Linean (Boroughsuar), I Tulcaio (Selturk); C M Chalimers (Melrose), A D Micor (Oundee HSFP), D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals, captan), K S Miline (Heriot'a FP), A P Burnell (London Scottiet), D J Michor (Edinburgh Academicals), N G B Edinburgh Academicals), N G B Edinburgh Academicals), N G B Edinburgh Academicals (2 Military Saleman)

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# Wales rediscover joy of winning feeling

By GERALD DAVIES

NOBODY, bar the spiteful or insensitive, dared mention to those inveterate Welsh camp followers who have tramped bereft of hope from Twickenham to Ballymore, Brisbane, from Eden Park, Auckland. to their own Arms Park, that this was a poor game. Such a conclusion, for those who have suffered humiliation heaped on embarrassment. could happily be left to the far-flung margins. Who, of them, really cared?

The point, the only point, had been when would they ever see their side win again, for that is how it had begun to seem. Any old win would do, for goodness sake. A good performance — a shorthand way of preparing for the worst
— is what Alan Davies, the Wales coach, had asked for. But, except in terms of courage and strength of character, it is not what he got. The play, from both sides, was

raggedly untidy. Instead, his players, confounding all expectations, provided him with something infinitely more valuable and which had not been savoured since Bob Norster, now the Wales manager, had created

IEUAN Evans, the Wales

two years ago, chose only to

speak severely to Copsey after

he had laid out the Irish lock,

Neil Francis, with a first-half

punch. Francis later support-

ed Howard's decision.

Wales's win against England in 1989, namely a five nations' championship victory. Why, then, should they confine their joy at the end of a match in which they had to endure six tortuous minutes

of injury time?

As Ciaran Fitzgerald, the Ireland coach, must have lamented, abundant possession in the lineout, in itself, is no guarantee of success. That Copsey floored Francis in the fourteenth minute - for which he was given a promise of a sending-off next time — did not unduly affect affairs. Ireland prospered throughout to the ratio of 2-1, but the route which Keyes and Saunders chose to direct their teams' tactics, preferring to kick and neglect other choices, often allowed Wales breathing space to renew their efforts. The moment, from a scrum in the Welsh half, when Keyes gave Mullin

the chance to run in an elegant arc to stretch the elasticity of the Welsh defence, which hitherto had been tight to breaking point, and gave Wallace the try, might have indicated the way forward. This score, and Keyes's su-

Evans said: "I was worried

Francis said: "It is a tough

game, you expect these

things. It wasn't worth a

apologised to the referee at

Copsey

sending-off."

perb touchline conversion. which made the score 15-6. appeared to spell the end for Wales. But, perhaps, bearing in mind Wales's string of recent capitulations, this was at lock the platform for thought enough. At any rate,

Howard's restraint

praised all round

captain, yesterday praised that Tony might go off when

Fred Howard, the referee, for Fred called him over. But

his decision not to send off Fred Howard is an excellent

Tony Copsey, the new Wales referee and showed his expelock forward, against Ireland rience in the way he handled

in Dublin (Peter Bills writes). the situation. Copsey is not a

Howard, the last man to dirty player and it would have

send off a Welshman in the been tragic had he been sent

five nations' championship off in his first international."

there was no such inclination to follow this trend thereafter. Instead, with Stuart Davies

gaining in authority at the scrum, the insistent probes of Lewis and Webster and the two scything breaks by Jones at scrum half, it was Wales who gathered the momentum. Behind them, Clement, who was in brilliant form, was not only safe under the high ball but he also punished Ireland's wasteful kicks with his eye for a running break. And being a happier crew under their persuasive coach, there was no soft underbelly here, so manifest of late, but signs, at last, of steel.

their way back. For the first half with Wales prone to avoidable mistakes, Ireland were comfortable in their command and twice were brought down short of the line. No tries came but Keyes rewarded his team with a couple of penalties.

They clawed and scraped

If Ireland missed their chances, Wales, with fewer, grabbed theirs with alacrity. with Jenkins kicking a penalty and Stephens dropping a goal. Although Keyes gave his side a half-time lead, there was a growing sense even then that Ireland themselves were allowing Wales to stay in the match.

Wallace's try might have been the killer punch, but Wales refused to lie down. Jenkins kicked two more penalties before Stuart Davies, on his first appearance, and with mounting pressure, ploughed his way through a very crowded space for the winning score.

Winning Score.

SCORERS: Ireland: Try: Wallace.
Conversion: Keyes. Penalty goals: Keyes.
3). Wales: Try: Davies. Penalty goals: Keyes.
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Jenions (3). Dropped goal: Stephens.
IRELAND: J E Staples (London Irsh): R M
Wallace (Garyowen). B J Muttin
(Blackrock College). D M Curts (London Irsh): K D Crossan (Irelonans). R P Keyes
(Cork Constitution). R Saunders (London Irsh): M J Prophlewell (Greystones). S J
Smrith (Ballymena). D C Fitzgersld (DLSP).
P M Matthews (Wanderers, captary). D G
Lanihan (Cork Constitution). N P J Francis
(Backrock College). M J Fitzglibbon
(Shannon). B F Robinson (Ballymena).
WALES: A Clement (Swenses). If C Evens.
(Lanelli, captan). I S Gabbs (Swanses). N
R Jenlans (Pontypndd), M R Hall (Cardiff).
G J Stephens (Lanelli). R N Jones
(Swanses). M Griffiths (Cardiff). G R
Jenkins (Swenses). L Delaney (Lanell).
E W Lewis (Lisnelli). G O Llewellyn (Nesth).
A H Copesy (Llanell), R Webster
(Swarsea). S Davies (Swanses).
Referee: F A Howard (RFU).

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By DAVID HANDS

PIERRE Berbizier, the new French coach, has called for more concerted action between the four home rugby unions and France, so that an effective challenge can be mounted from the northern hemisphere against the dominance of New Zealand and

Berbizier, who was in Edinburgh on Saturday to watch the match between

Scotland and England, recognises the need for a higher standard of play in the five nations' championship to challenge the southern hemisphere and to enhance the image of the game in Europe.
"The World Cup should

have been the basis for promotion of the game in France, but that was not the case," the former Agen scrum half, who won 56 caps, said. "I think it would be good for the coaches in the five nations to meet after

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each championship to discuss problems we have encountered - in play, in refereeing - with the aim of improving the quality.

"If we want a northern hemisphere country to win the next World Cup we must work together, while retaining our individuality. For the French the five nations' championship is always magic, but it is the only competition we all have in which we can improve our game." Ireland have delayed selecting their team to play England at Twickenham on February 1 until Thursday. There are doubts over the captaincy of Philip Mat-thews, the half backs and the tight-five forwards.

Scotland may be without Sean Lineen when they play Ireland on February 15. The centre is likely to miss the next four weeks because of a sprung rib cartilage, but Doddy Weir, the young lock. should have recovered from a perforated eardrum.

## Hunter goes on the attack as B team weathers its test

Spain. England B..

FROM BRYAN STILES IN MADRID

WHEN these apprentices of the England team were chosen to take on the Spanish national side in Madrid, they thought their day in the sun had arrived. Unfortunately, no one told them about the vagaries of the frosty Spanish weather.

Cold fingers, slippery turf on the Madrid University pitch, and unfamiliar colleagues were not conducive to the sort of stylish play England were hoping to produce in order to put their markers down for any senior vacancies which may be on offer.

However, England B quickly demonstrated a superiority in skill and technique that brought victory by two goals, two tries, a dropped goal, and a penalty goal to a penalty goal.

The Spanish team had finished next to the bottom in their qualifying group for the World Cup, and it showed. They were usually more interested in destroying and disrupting rather than creating. Hopefully, they will profit from the example provided by England for three quarters of the game.

In the last quarter, the B team lost its concentration and the game deteriorated into a ragged affair. "It was just like a prep school kickabout at the end," one RFU official observed.

Happily, Hunter lived up to his attacking reputation, collecting two tries and a dropped goal. He could have contributed even more if his handling had not let him down. Barnes, the captain, dictated much of what went on, his distribution was sound and he made some neat midfield breaks.

England led 21-0 at the interval, but niggling disruption from the Spaniards,

some spirited charges by their pack, and the inability of the England forwards to impose stability, kept the score down. Barnes opened with a penalty goal, which was quickly followed by a try from Douglas and two from Hunter.

Clarke barged over just before half-time and Underwood sped in early in the second half. Moreno picked up Spain's points with a penalty. Hunter kicked his drop goal and it became mundane until a late surge sent in Back.

until a late surge sent in Back. SCORERS: Spain: Persity goat Moreno. England B: Tries: Dougles, Hunter (2), Cerke, Underwood, Back. Conversions: Barnes (2). Dropped goat Hunter. SPAIN: F Puertes: P Gutterrez., J Azkargorta, A Mino, C Moreno; J Mazzarlegos, M Sanchez: J Ahvertz (captain), F Castro, J Moral, J Ebesbarria, A Gonzalez, H Messont, J Gutterrez, A Malo. ENGLAND B: I Hunter (Northempton); J Fallon (Bath), P De Gierrelle (Bath), J Buckton (Saracera), T Underwood (Jelester); S Barnes (Bath, captain), S Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth); R Baldwyn (Northempton), R Dawe (Bath), A Multins (Hariequine), M Greenwood (Notthgram), M Haag (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester), N Back (Jeloester), B Clarke (Bath)

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IPM Flexible Learning Programme can meet your study needs. Phone 081-947 7272 quoting department no. HE147. Gooch steps back and rejoices in the successes of his batsmen as they enjoy a run-feast in Christchurch Test match

# England's bowlers have hard work in store

FROM ALAN LEE. CRICKET CORRESPONDENT: IN CHRISTCHURCH

YEARS from now, when cricket aficionados reflect with reverence on the England captaincy of Graham Gooch, the events of this weekend in the first Test against New Zealand will provide an intriguing ques-

To those familiar with the 1990s days when Gooch was more like a stretcher-bearer than a crutch to his England team, it will seem barely conceivable that, in a total of 580 for nine, the captain alone was dismissed in single figures. It happened here in Christchurch and, despite himself, Gooch will be thankful.

The first two days of the series have indicated many things, not exclusively to England's advantage. For the good of the team's self-belief, however, the fact that they have dominated New Zealand without material help from Gooch is priceless.

Only two members of the team. Lamb and DeFreitas. have previous Test experience here and for England to be put in, when they wanted to bowl, and promptly lose Gooch, appeared disastrous.

Instead, consistently scoring about 100 runs per session, they were able to make the game safe and declare. The only disappointment came with New Zealand, wearily setting out on the business of making 381 to avoid the follow-on, being re-

prieved in the third over when a shift of wind brought heavy rain tumbling down from the

Making the required number of runs is not, as a rule, the most demanding aspect of Test cricket in this country. Dismissing the opposition twice can be far more problematic and Gooch, although a new boy in these parts, was under no illusions about how tough that might be on a pitch where, despite early appearances, the ball had hardly moved off the straight for two days.

Nevertheless, one of his favourite adages is that you cannot win without a total on the board and he is rightly

Trudging contentedly around Lancaster Park. which is far from the most attractive feature of this charming city, Gooch has seen Smith and Lamb, the engine room of the middle order, make 90s which were respectively thrilling and accomplished. He has seen a half-century on debut from Reeve, full of organised commitment, and a 70 violently struck from 73 balls by Lewis.

I doubt though if anything has pleased him so much as the innings with which Alec Stewart vindicated Gooch's contentious insistence that he could manage on this tour without a second specialist opening batsman.

CHRIST CHURLAS SCORES DARD New Zealand won toss

3	
	ENGLAND

First innings						
'G A Gooch c Smith b Morrison	2	6s 	4s —	Min 10	Balls 6	
Faint edge playing to leg cutter A J Stewart c Crowe b Morrison Edged litting ball to first slip	148	-	17	355	265	
G A Hick low Calms	35	-	6	97	80	
R A Smith c Greatbatch b Pringle	96	1	16	153	180	
A J Lamb b Patel Balf turned between bet and ped	93	1	13	270	203	
†R C Russell run out (Wright/Smith) Bent back, going for quick single	36	-	5	101	64	
D A Reeve c Jones b Pringle	59	-	5	160	125	
C C Lewis c Greatbatch b Patel	70	-	13	86	73	
D R Pringle c Greatbatch b Patel	10	-	-	21	14	
P A J DeFreitzs not out	7	1	-	6	5	
Extras (b 5, 1b 10, w 1, nb 8)	24					
Total (9 wids dec. 163 overs, 647 min) P C R Tufnell did not bat.	580					

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6 (Gooch), 2-95 (Fück), 3-274 (Smith), 4-310 (Stewart), 5-390 (Russell), 6-466 (Lamb), 7-544 (Reeve), 8-571 (Pringle), 9-580 (Lewis). BOWLING: Morrison 33-5-133-2 (nb 3) (6-2-17-1, 4-1-16-0, 2-0-12-0, 10-0-20-8-0, 7-0-29-1, 6-2-13-0, 3-0-19-0); Cairms 30-3-118-1 (nb 4) (7-1-12-0, 7-2-31-1, 6-0-18-0, 3-0-18-0, 4-0-27-0, 3-0-12-0); Pringle 36-4-127-3 (nb 1, w 1) (6-1-30-0, 5-1-20-0, 9-2-21-4, 4-0-12-0, 6-0-18-0, 10-8-0, 5-0-18-2); Thompson 15-3-47-0(3-1-11-0, 8-1-13-0, 2-1-8-0, 4-0-15-0); Patel 48-5-132-2 (13-1-33-0, 5-0-24-0, 3-0-8-0, 16-4-34-0, 7-0-20-1, 2-0-13-0, 16-4-34-0, 7-0-20-1, 2-0-10-1, 2-0-10-1, 2-0-10-1, 2-0-10-1

#### NEW ZEALAND

First inning	S				
B A Hartland not out	0	6s —	4s —	Min 11	Balis 7
J G Wright not out	2	-	-	11	7
Extras (1b 1)	_1				
Total (2.2 overs, 11 min)	3				

"M.D.Crowe, A.H.Jones, M.J.Greatbatch, S.A.Thomson, D.N.Patel, C.L.Cairns, †I.D.S. Smith, C. Pringle and D.K. Morrison to bat. BOWLING: DeFreitas 1.2-1-0-0 (one spell); Lewis 1-0-2-0 (one spell).

LIMPIRES: B Aldridge and S Dunne.

Stewart's technique has invariably been too loose, especially around off stump, but on Saturday there was a new discipline to his batting which, ironically, may have been stimulated by Gooch's

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early departure. It has never been disputed that Stewart is a fluent strokeplayer, and he proved it again here, his timing through the on side being velvet-smooth. But what made the greatest impression was not the shots he played, but those he did

For the first time since he came into the England side, Stewart visibly commanded himself to play at nothing he did not need to. The blemishes, and they were rare, were accompanied by agonised self-chastisement, not least when he failed by only five entire day. His century was his second in consecutive Tests and removes an obvious

worry for the games to come. It would be nice but inaccurate to say the same about Graeme Hick's innings. His 35 included some exquisite strokes, the type produced only by the very gifted, but when Chris Cairns, bowling to a predictable plan, examined Hick's methods against the short ball he discovered they have not noticeably improved since last summer.

The shots of the first day came from Smith, particularly a hooked six off Cairns. before he fell four runs short of his first overseas Test century. The shots of the second day came from Lewis, given free rein to attack and relishing the role against dispirited bowling and with a lightningfast outfield.

But there was also much to appreciate in Lamb's 93. which proved that his Test career is far from over, and Reeve's 59, which suggested that his could have a long time to run.

If he avoided the sort of run-out confusion which cost Russell his wicket, there seemed little chance of Lamb perishing without his first Test century in three series. But the post-lunch period becalmed him and he had been marooned on 93 for 25 minutes when Patel, encouragingly for Phil Tufnell, turned one between bat and pad.

Having waited so long to bat, Reeve admitted to nerves, though perhaps they were nothing compared to those endured by his mother, Monica, as she sat transfixed in the stand.

Mrs Reeve was not difficult to find because in a ground which can hold 26,000, 90 per cent of the seating was empty. The attendance for the weekend did not amount to a healthy third division football crowd.



## India collapse in abject fashion

1-0 lead in the World Series Cup best-of-three finals after India collapsed in abject fashion in the first match on

Chasing a target of 234. India crashed from 72 for one to 145 all out, losing by 88 runs with eight overs remaining, as they wilted in the face of Australia's highly-polished bowling and fielding. Australia, having won the

toss, made 233 for five in their allotted 50 overs, with well-crafted innings from David Boon (78) and Dean Jones (73). India looked to have done well to keep Australia under 250 and, on a good pitch with a fast outfield, they appeared to have a prospect of victory.

India's innings turned on an outstanding catch by the off spinner. Peter Taylor, who leapt high at mid-off to dismiss Kris Srikkanth onehanded just as the opener, on 41, was beginning to cut loose.

for once, falling cheaply, In-dia's innings disintegrated with three run-outs as panic set in. The teams meet in the second match in Sydney today. (Reuter)

AUSTRALIA
D C Boon c Pandit b Prabhator
G R Marsh c Azharuddin b Tenduliar
D M Jones c sub b Kapil Dev .......
T M Moody c Anne b Shastin .......

M R Whitney did not bel. FALL OF WICKETS. 1-54, 2-142, 3-169, 4-176, 5-216.

TM Azheruddin c Heatly D Moody R P K Anne c Border b Taylor 20 Kape Dev not oud 20 M Petablear run out 0 C S Pandit c S R Waugh b Taylor 0 J Smath run out 4 M D Heveni c Mersh b McDermott 4 M

Extras (fb 6, w 1, nb 1) ...... Total (42 overs) 145
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-37, 2-72, 3-79, 4-84,
5-114, 5-130, 7-135, 8-136, 9-136.
BOWLING: McDermott 8-0-27-1; Whitney 82-19-0. S FI Waugh 7-0-32-2; Moody 10-0-342. Taylor 9-0-27-2.

# Australia sweep into final

Wellington: Australia assured themselves of a place in the final of the women's triangular 60-overs tournament, beating both England and New Zealand here over England lost by 42 runs on

Saturday, keeping pace with Australia's run-rate for more than 40 overs but losing wickets regularly thereafter. England and New Zealand

meet today for a place in the final. (Agencies)

☐ Karachi: England lost the uneven pitch to dismiss Eng- 204 for the second wicket. land for 202. (Agencies) SCORES: Pakistan 342 for 9 dec; England 136 and 202 (M Walker 63). Pakistan won by an irenings end 4 runs.

# Pakistan pair in destructive vein

people were injured here yesterday when police clashed with angry supporters as Pa-kistan beat Sri Lanka by 117 runs in the fifth and final oneday international. Pakistan took the series 4-1.

The trouble occurred after hundreds of non-ticket holders had been admitted to holders at the newly-built stadium. The crowd hurled stones, set fire to seats and invaded the pitch, while police fired tear gas and baton-charged spectators..... The players had to leave the

field for 25 minutes, which first Under-19 Test with Pa- disturbed the vital early kistan by an innings and four stages of Sri Lanka's reply. yesterday. Following on 206 four in their 40 overs after behind, they put up more being put in Inzamam-ulresistance in the second in- Haq, who scored his second nings but Pakistan's slow successive century, and Salim bowlers exploited a turning, Malik, who made 102, put on,

> Inzamam faced only 103 balls for his 117. Sri Lanka replied with 154:

Rawalpindi: Dozens of Tillekerame top scoring with 36. off 45 balls. (Agencies) PAKISTAN

Total (38.4 crems) 154.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-37, 3-63, 4-75, 5-84, 6-91, 7-117, 8-130, 9-149.

BOWLING: Wissing Akraem 8-2-20-1, Wagger Younis 8-0-42-2, Angol Javed 6-0-25-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-0-25-1; Imran Khan 8-0-30-0; Incampan-ul-Haq 0-40-4-1. Umpires: Javed Akhtar and Sidirua Khan

55.62; 6, T Jones (City of Birmengham), 56.70; 200m modley; 1, D Ward (Can), 201 S3; 2, C Myden (Can), 22.90; 3, R Vatason (Can), 2.04.42; Women: 100m intestyle: 1, D Hanger (Ger), 55.06; 2, K Potsering, 55.61; 3, M Stellmach; (Ger), 55.05; 3, Holten (Ger), 4.11.51; 3, P Langrell (NZ), 4:11.72; 4, R Gaffilen (Sool), 4:19.81; 100m backstroice: 1, A Stinoic (NZ), 1:9.81; 100m backstroice: 1, A Stinoic (NZ), 1:92.01; 2, D Hase (Ger), 1:92.33; 3, Etzeman (Neth), 1:52.71; 4, K Read, 1:02.81; 5, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 1:03.63 (Sritish) purior record), 50m, breaststroice: 1, L Xia (China), 22.16; 2, G Courtier (Can), 32.83; 3, L Coombes, 32.94; 4, Z Baker (Sheffish), 32.96 (British junior record); 5, K Rake (Mexwell), 33.01; 6, L Rogers, 33.31, 200m breaststroice: 1, Courtier 2-28.99; 2, E Austevoli (Nor), 2:32.90; 3, L Beccarra (Sp), 2:34.32; 4, S Brown (tre), 2:35.71; 50m brotzerity: 1, A Nugert (Can), 28.23; 2, 1 Focchini (fi), 23.35; 3, Y Beebei (China), 29.42; 4, M Campbel, 22.45; 5, S Davies, 28.49; 200m butterity: 1, A Nugert (Can), 28.23; 24.42; 4, M Campbel, 22.45; 5, S Davies, 28.49; 200m butterity: 1, Hunger, 1:01.98; 2, E Dandeberove (CS), 1:02.49; 3, M Zoller (Ger), 1:03.18; 4, Davies 1:03.69.

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TOURCOING: IAAF World Cross Challenge (10,7km); 1. A Semano (5p), 30mm 37sec; 2. T Pantel (Fr) 30:39; 3. W Omwoyo (Ken), 30-45; 4. J Keine (Ken), 30:53; 5. E Canson (Por), 30:54; 6. J Nutrall (GB), 30:55 Women (4.8km); 1. L Jermengs (US), 15:18; 2. A Dase (Por), 15:20; 3. V Collard (Bel), 15:22; 4. S Simma (Ken), 15:25; 5. M Multamarenzi (Fwe), 15:26; 6. H Haining (GB), ROTHERHAM: Yorkshire CCA cross-country championship (7.5m); Winners: C Moore (Bingley), 37min 18sec. Team: 1. Leeds, 52pls; 2. Bingley, 98; 3. Shelfield, 187

57 TURREY CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE:

Police), 30:02 CHINGFORD LEAGUE (5.5m., at Alexandra Park): 1, T Doran (Muswell HIR), Z8min 48sec; 2, J Leversedge (Haringey), 29:09: 3, J Kilsby (Haringey), 29:14.

TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles: A Wiranata (indo) bi Zhao Jiarihua (Chiria). 10-15, 15-11, 15-4. Men's doubles: Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong (China) bi Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi (China). 10-15, 15-8, 15-10 Wormen's strigles: S Susanti (Indo) bi Ye Zhaoying (Charia). 11-2, 11-0. Wormen's doubles: Hwang Hye-young and Chung So-young (S Kore). 15-5, 15-10 Mixed doubles: Lund and P Dupont (Den) bi J Holat-Christensen and G Mogansen (Den). 15-5, 15-11.

BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE-First division: Birmingham Bulleta 104, Cheshire Jets 75, Manchester Glants 76, Derby Bucks 75; Tharmes Valley Tigers 88, London Towers 84. Second division: Barnsley Generalis 62, Oldham Caltus 104; Bury Lobos 101, Doncaster Eagles 82, Plymouth Rarders 115, Greenwich 81.

#### FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated **Bob Lord Trophy** Third round Kidderminster v Yeovil (7.45) .......

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First (r o); Signer v Deloy (r.o); NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Luton; Mitwall v Brighton GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Mangolsfield v Clevedon, Taunion

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Hunslet v Huddersfield.

OTHER SPORT SQUASH RACKETS: Fight for Sight national championships, semi-finess Third division: Calderdate Explorers 68, Mid-Sussex 83; Leicester Falcons 72, Chilitem Fastbreak 68; Sheffield 45, Solant Stars 76; Stevenage Phoenix 114, North London 122; Swindon Sonics 81, North London 122; Swindon Sonics 81, Sedgefield Racers 64, Women's second division: Cheshira 122, South Tyneside 47; Doncester 103, Northampton 86ers 50. WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-

SU. WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Sheffield 71, Leccester 39; London YMCA 64, Milton Keynes 61; Thames Valley 107, Hemel Hempsteed 52. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Baston Cettos 96, Philadolpha 76ers 95; Orlando Magoc 127, Indiane Pacers 120, Chicago Butls 102, San Antonio Spurs 96, Milwaukee Bucks 90, New York Kricks 85; Phoeno, Suns 134, Sacramento Kings 94; Portland Trail Blezers 120, Cherlotte Hornels 104, Atlanta Hawks 107, Los Angeles Clippers 111; Saturday: Cleveland Cavablers 108. New York Kricks 90; Indiane Pacers 127, Marris Heet 103, Philadelpha 76ers 105, Wasthrigton Buffets 101; New Lersey Nets 112, Minnesota Timberwolves 100; Golden State Warners 143, Dallas Mavericks 141, Utah Jazz 108, Houston Rickets 80; Seettle SuperSorucs 112, Lea Angeles Lakers 108; Secramento Kings 119, Charlotte Hornets 113.

PHILADELPHIA: WBA wetterweight championship: Neidrick Taylor (US, holder) bit Glerwood Brown (US), pts ALBERT HALL, London: Commonwealth feetherweight chempionship: Commey (Gharal), pts Crusser. Wayne Lleweilyn (Deptiond) bi Thra Coughtan (Swansea), ncc 3rd. Middle: Ouinn Paynter (Manchester) by Val Golding (Croydon), ncc 7th. Feather: Alan McKlay (Willesden) crew with Peter Buckley (Birmingham). Heavy: Derek Williams [Peckham) bi Tim Anderson (US), rac 1st (Peckhan) bit Tim Anderson (US), rac fat Light-weiter: Paul Ryan (Hackney) bit Alex Sterling (Finsbury Park), rac 4th Light Ian Honeywood (Bexley) bit Steve Pollard (Huff), pts. Weiter Kovin Lueshing

**CRESTA RUN** ST MORITZ: Harjes Cartier Silver Chip (Invitation handicap): 1, A Howse (GB), 122.2. 2, R Sheppard (GB), 124 98; 3, Rabi (GB), 125 24, Curzon Cup: Second day: 1, C Bertshinger (Switz), 250.11, 2, W Lisimor (Austria), 251 49; 3, F Gansser (Switz), 251 79

CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Ousensiand 275 and 74-0; Western Australia 444 (J Langer 131; B Oxenford 4-126) Hobart: Victoria 200 and 185-5 (W Ayres 50 not out), Tasmanie 157 (A I C Dodemalde 5-34). Dodemaide 5-34).

NISSAN SHIELD: Semi-finels (55 overs): East London: Free State 232-5.

Border 196-7 Free State won by 36 runs Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 240-8, Northern Transvaal 167-7 (in 43 overs, ran stopped play). Eastern Province won on laster run rate.

STUTTGART: Six-day event: Standings after third night: 1, R Stampl (Ger) and B Holanweger (Switz), 224pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and P Bincoletto (It), 212: 3, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 170 and one lap behind, 8, A Deyle (GBI) and De Woods (Aus), 77 and fing less helpind



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FREESTYLE SKIING BRECKENRIDGE, Colorado: World Cup: Winners: Mogula: Men: E Graspino (Fr), 25 Sports. Women: D Weinbrecht (US), 24 41 Ballet: Men: F Becker (Fr), 27,75pts. Women: C Kissling (Switz), 25 05.

GOLF final scores (CB and life unless stated); 281: D Gifford, 69, 70, 69, 73, 282: M Pexon, 70, 67, 70, 75; P Beker, 69, 73, 68, 72, 285: G J Brand, 71, 72, 71, 72, 287; J

Bennett, 75, 69, 71, 72, K Robson, 71, 69, 72, 75; P Townsend, 74, 71, 72, 70, 288; G Ralph, 69, 74, 73, 72 HOCKEY DELHI: Men's tournament: New Zealand 2, China 2, South Korea 3, Pokand 1, India 6, Japan 1, India 4, New Zealand 2, South Korea 2, Japan 1, Kenya 3, China 2, India are overall winners.
PERON1 SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier

Lague: Chichester 2, Eastcole 2: Old Midwhitgiftiens 0, Camberley 0 Regionals: Kent and Sussex: Graves-end 2, Horsham 4, Sevenoaks 1, Old Holcombians 0 Hents and Surray: Met Police 1, Old Welcountians 0, Walton 4, Southampton Univ 0, Berks, Bucks and Oxon, Bracknell 2, Hayes O, Sunbury 2, Williams 0. Witney D.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Ford 2, Bishop's
Stortford 2 Stortford 2. ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier dhysion: Beeston 5, Leicester Westleigh 0; Belper 2, Blorwich 2; Bndgnorth 3, Coventry and North Warvneck 2, Nottingham 1, Edgbaston 8; Otton and West

Warwick 1, Khaisa 2
BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT: Pool A: Amiens 13, Keiburne 2; Cardiff 4, Stourport 11; Cardiff 3, Amiens 7; Keiburne 9; Stourport 11; Amiens 3, Stourport 12; Cardiff 4, Keiburne 6. Pool B: Harborne 10, Merzzeshill 3; East Grinstead 6, Barford Tigers 5; Merzzeshill 4, Barford Tigers 9; Harborne 6, East Grinstead 7; East Grinstead 7; East Grinstead 9, Menzieshill 1, Harborne 8, Barford Tigers 6, East Grinstead 7; East Grinstead 2, Play-offs: Seventin place: Keiburne 8, Cardiff 5, Fifth place: Barford Tigers 7, Merzzeshill 2, Third place: Harborne 9, East Grinstead 8 Final: Stourport 4, Amiens 3.

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MIDDLESEX LEAGUE: Hendon 1, Polytechnic 0, Chiswick 1, Southgate 2, SURREY LEAGUE: Surbton 2, Horley 0, TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: Eest: Anchonans 4, Bury-St-Edmunds 1, Bedey Heath 2, Copdock 0, Redbridge 1, Sevenoeks 1; Saracens 0, Buehearts 0, Wellyn Garden Cry 0, Centebury 4, West: Chettenham 1, Boumemouth 1; East Gloucester 1, Redhard 1, Easter 1, Leommster 0 Frebrands 1, Gloucester 3, Taunton Valle 2, Green Dragons 2, Weston 1, Colwall 2, Wimborne 0, BAC 1, SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: Adridge 1, Sutton 3; Eastogat 1, Reading 3;

Harleston Ø, Cheimsford 4, Wembledon 5, Sunbury O, Worthing 0, Delwich 0 AEWHA CUP: Fourth round: Beritamisted 1, Lecaster 3, Cheam 0, Frait Personnel Sutton Coalfield 6, Cheimsford 7 Eastcote 0, Caffor 5, Bury 81 Edmonds 1, Cranson Ramblers 1, Milton Keynes 0; Doncaster 0, Ealing 50; Lillington 0, Bueharns 1; Livergood 2, East Glouberter 0; Loughborough Ladies 0, Bournemouth 1, Alfon 0, Hightonn 5; Portsmouth 1, Havant 0; St. Albans 2, Graal Harwood 1, Saracens 1, Wimbledon 5, Stough 4, Ipswich 0, Swimdon 0, Seven Oaks 3.

LUGE LAKE PLACID: World Cup: Winners: Men: D Kennedy (US), 1mn 25 52sec Women: C Myler (US), 1:16 47. Doubles: W Suckow and W Tavares (US), 1 16 15

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ENGELBERG. Switzerland: Ski-jumpling: World Cup: 120m: 1. A Felder
(Austria). 231 lpts. 2. S Zuend (Switz).
2267. 3. W Patteriayr (Austria). 225.

MURAUJ, Austria: Combined World Cup
event: Ski-jumpling: 1. J Demel (Ger).
225pts. 2. K Other (Austria). 220.7. 3. F.
Guy Fr). 217.3. 15 km cross-county: 1.
8-J Elden (Nor). 33mm 34 4sec. 2. K-7
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Apelsind (Nor). 433m 37. 3. F. Repeltin (Fr).
34.47.2. Overašt: 1. Guy. 2. K.
Sulzenbacher (Austria). at 1.30, 3. Other.
2.13.6. World Cup standings: 1. Guy.
111pts. 2. Sulzenbacher, 18: 3. F-B
Lundberg (Nor). 81.

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Rosslyn Park 11. Moseley 24, Rugby 59.
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MARIBOR, Stovenie: World Cup: Women's stalcore 1, V Schneider (Swritz), Tmin 14 92sec; 2, D Compagnoni (ti), 1:15.80; 3, P Wiberg (Swe), 1:15.89; 4, A Coberger (NZ), 1:15.90, 5, K Buder (Austria), 1:16.09; 7, E Eder (Austria), 1:16.07; 8, S Ginther (Austria), 1:16.07; 8, S Ginther (Austria), 1:16.35; 10, N Bokal (Siovensi), 1:16.35; 10, N Bokal (Siovensi), 1:16.37; Stalcom standings; 1, Schneider, 360pts; 2, Fernindez-Ochoa, 311; 3, Coberger, 241; 4, P Kronberger (Austria), 226; 5, Buder, 208; 6, Wiberg, 205; 7, Centher, 187; 8, Eder, 164; 9, J Parisism (US), 162, 10, M Mallerholer (Austria), 154, Overall standings; 1, Schneider, 620; 2, Kronberger, 536; 3, K Senzinger (Ger), 452; 4, Ginther, 441, 5, C Marfer (Fr), 404; 6, Fernández-Ochoa (So), 393; 7, Compagnora, 366; 8, H Zurbrigger (Swrtz), 383; 9, Wiberg, 365; 10, M Vogt (Ger), 302. SPEED SKATING

EERENVEEN, The Netherlands: Euro-HEERENVEEN, The Netherlands: European chemponathjes: Men: 500m; 1 equal. A de Tadei (II) and R Sighel (II), 37.89sec, 3 P Adeberg (Ger) 37.98. 5,000m; 1. B Veidhamp (Neth), 6:42.03; 2, J O Koss (Nor), 6:43.46; 3, F Zandara (Neth), 6:46:10, 26. C Mchhooli (GB), 719:29 1,500m; 1, Zandasra, 1:54.01; 2, A 5ondrai (Nor), 1:54.18; 3. R Ritsma (Neth), 1:54.66; 1,000m; 1, T Kuroiwa (Japan), 11:410, 2, R Brunner (Austrie), 11:436; 3, D Besteman (US), 1:14:41 10,000m; 1, G Karistad (Nor), 13:48.29; 2, Koss, 13.52.02, 3, Zandasra, 13:52.65. Final standings: 1. Zandstra, 158.245pts;

Women's singles

2, Koss, 158,913; 3, R Pitsms (Neth), 159,822, Women: 500m; 1, E Hunyady, (Austria), 41.37; 3, G Nemann (Ger), 41.51,1500m; 1, Nemenn, 294,55; 2, Hunyady, 204.79; 3, Y van Gerinip (Neth), 206.37; 3,000m; 1, Niemenn, 417,58; 2, Hwandicke (Ger), 418,57; 3, Hunyady, 22,57; 5,000m; 1, Niemenn, 7.19,25; 2, Warnicke, 721.06; 3, C Zijetra (Neth), 726.63; Final standings; 1, Niemann, 169,8996; 2, Hunyady, 171,480; 3, Warnicke, 721.06; 36, C Zijetra (Neth), 726.63; Final standings; 1, Niemann, 169,8996; 2, Hunyady, 171,480; 3, Warnicke 172,887; UEDENERRICE Belgium: European short-track championships: Merr. 500m; 1, M Vuillernin (I), 45,05sec; 2, W Orlesity (GB), 45.19; 3, R Ingres (Fr), 45.34; 4, G Bianchart (Bal), 46.15; 1,000m; 1, O'Reilly, 141,25; 2, O'Reilly, 230,38; 3, H Hernoff (II), 2:30,40,300m; 1, G Bianchart (Bel), 5:27,48; 2, C Reilly, 2:30,38; 3, H Hernoff (II), 2:30,40,300m; 1, G Bianchart (Bel), 5:27,48; 2, W Velzeboer (Neth), 5:27,53; 3, U Niesova (CS), 146,36; 3, B Pintens (Bel), 147,40, 1,500m; 1, Cancinn), 148,18; 2, N Isakova (CS), 146,36; 3, B Pintens (Bel), 147,40, 1,500m; 1, Cancinn), 2:37,15; 2, J Allaguitova (CS), 2:37,55; 3, Wetzeboer, 23,67,3000m; 1, J Vissova (CS), 604,19; 2, Pintens, 604,25; 3, M Vetzeboer, 23,67,3000m; 1, J Vissova (CS), 604,19; 2, Pintens, 604,25; 3, M Vetzeboer, 23,67,3000m; 1, J Vissova (CS), 604,19; 2, Pintens, 604,25; 3, M Vetzeboer, 14, 3, M

(CS), 614.19; Z. FRIERIS, DUPLGE: O, INVESTIGATION ST. 1, Velzeboer, 604.40. Final standings: 1, Canclini, 15: 2, M. Velzeboer, 14. 3, Vissova, 11. DAVOS: Swiss charapionships: 500m: 1, J-U May (Ger), 38.430aec (world SQUASH RACKETS

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LEICESTER: World Cup and British grand prix meeting (England unless stated): Ment. 50m freestyle: 1, M Fibbers, 22.36sec; 2, M Foster (Barnet Coptrell), 22.41; 3, A Shortman (Engl) 22.71. 200m treestyle: 1, A Holmertz (Swe), 145.58; 2, 7 Warrer (Swe), 145.58; 2, 7 Warrer (Swe), 145.58; 2, 7 Warrer (Swe), 14.58.87 1,500m freestyle: 1, Wisson, 14.57.73; 2, D Londer (NZ), 159.51; 50m batckstroke: 1, F Schott (F1), 25.70; 2, V Selton (CS), 25.63; 3, T Weber (Gar), 25.98, 200m batckstroke: 1, F Schott (F1), 25.70; 2, V Selton (CS), 25.63; 3, T Weber, 157.53; 2, Selton, 159.35; 3, S Goss (Can), 159.87, 14 G Robins, 159.87, 100m breaststroke: 1, A Moorhotse, 1, 130.32; 3, D Jensing (Chuni, 1:03.32; 5, J Hender, 103.68; 6, J McGrafth (re), 1.04.14, 100m butterfir: 1, B Gutzert (Fr), 53.72, 2, Loader, 54.44; 3, G Janko (Yug).

MANCHESTER: Fight for Sight national

#### **AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS RESULTS**

THIRD ROUND: M Stuch (Ger) bt M Jaite (Arg). 6-0, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2, C Bergstrom (Swe) bt B Garnett (US), 5-2, 5-3, 4-6, 6-2, W Massur (Aus) bt M Washington (US), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, Knickstein (US) bt A Volicov (Ruseus), 6-4, 5-7, 6-7, 6-1, 8-6, R Krajicek (Neth) bt M Chang (US), 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 1-6, 6-3; M Poosel (Switz) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

FOURTH ROUND: W Ferreira (SA) and br D Wheaton (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, 1 Lends (Cz) br O Campor ese (II), 7-6, 6-1, 6-3, J McErroe (US) bit E Sánchez (Sp), 7-5, 7-6, 4-6, 2-6, 8-6, 3 Edberg (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (Russie), 6-1, 7-5, 6-2

THIRD ROUND: P Fendick (US) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; M J Fernandez (US) bt R McOkellan (Aus), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. J Capnati (US) bt K Adants (US), 6-0, 6-0; G Sabahm (Aug) bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-1, 6-0. D Monam (Bel) bt H Sukova (Cs), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. K Maleeva (Bul) bt K Sharpe (Aus), 6-0, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt P Shriver (US), 6-4, 6-2, A Frazier (US) bt S Hock (Ger), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

FOURTH ROUND: A Huber (Ger) bt J Novolna (Cz), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, A Frazzler (US) bt D Monam (Bel), 6-3, 6-4, A Sánchez vicareo (Sp) bt L Savicheriko-Nerland (Lativa), 6-1, 7-6, Famandez bt Fendick, 8-4, 8-1; M Seles (Yug) bt L Maskin (Georgia), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; Sabasini bt Maleeva, 6-1, 7-5, M Meleeva-Frachigre (Switz) bt C Mastinez (Sp), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; Capnati bt Garnison, 6-4, 8-4.

Men's doubles

Women's doubles

SECOND ROUND: T Morton (Aus.) and C Wood (GB) R Fairbank-NideRer (US) and L Gregory (SA), 6-3, 6-3, L Mesthi (Georgia) and M Paz. (Ang) bit S Testud (Fr) and N van Lottum (Fr), 8-4, 7-8; J Novolma (Cz) and L Savchenko-Neiland (Latva) bit G Heispeon and T Whitinger (US), 8-2, 6-3; M L Daniels and R White (US) bit C

Benjamin (US) and A Scott (Aus.), 6-4, 6-2.

M Maleeva (But) and M Maleeva-Fragnicre
(Switz) bt A Stradova (Cz) and C Tarwier
(Fr), 7-5, 7-5; A Sánchez Vicerlo (Sp.) and
H Sukova (Cz) bt B Fukov Vilhella (Arg) and
N Murs-Jagerman (Neth), 6-1, 6-1; R
McCaslina (Aus) and C Ponvik (Ger) bt N
Arendt (US) and H Kelasi (Can), 6-2, 6-4; K
Dete (Japan) and M Jeggerd (Aus) bt J
Hetherington (Can) and K Paradic (US),
4, 6-2; M-J Fernandez and Z Garrison (US)
bt Y Besuid (Indo) and J Dune (GB), 8-2, 76

Mixed doubles

FIRST ROUND: K Kinneer and R
Farbank-Noether (US) at R Leach and S
Stafford (US), 7-6, 8-3, S Selumas (US)
and L Savchenko-Nedand (Lativa) bi P
Norval (SA) and M L Danlels (US), 6-4, 6-2;
C Suk (Cz) and B Schattz (Neth) bi S
Devries and P Fendick (US), 6-4, 7-8; G
Ivanssonc (Croetis) and S Rether (US) bit P
Addnch and L Gregory (SA), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; S
Davis and P White (US) bit D Vaogic (Cz)
and C Yarvier (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; G van
Emburgh and K Adams (US) bit L Warder
(Aus) and C Weod (GB), 6-2, 4-9, 6-4; T
Woodbridge (Aus) and A Sánchez Vicario
(Sp) bit G Connell (Can) and R Alter (Can),
6-0, 6-2; M Woodforde and N Provis (Aus)
bit P Annacque and L McNell (US), 6-4, 76; T Woodbridge (Aus) and A Sánchez
Vicario (Sp) bit G Connell and R Alter
(Can), 6-0, 6-2; M Kratzmann (Aus) and P
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bit P Gabbrath and G Heigeson (US), 6-2, 6-7
6-3: D MassPherson and R McOullien (Ass)
bit P Gabbrath and G Heigeson (US), 6-2, 6-7
6-8-8

MUNICH: European Nation's Cap. England 3, Czeołoelawskia 0 (English names first): Chen Xinhua bt P Korbel, 21-13, 21-15; C Prean bt R Visin, 21-17, 18-21, 21-16; Prean and A Cooks of Korbel and T Janel, 21-15, 21-19, England 1 Sweden 3: Cooks to J Persson, 19-21, 12-21; Prean bt M Appaigran, 21-12, 21-14; Prean and Cooks bast to J Waldner and Appaigran, 21-12, 21-14; Prean and Cooks bast to J Waldner and Appaigran, 18-21, 20-22; Prean lost to Persson, 11-21, 17-21, Semi-linata: Germany 3, England 0 (German nernes first): J Rosekopt bt Prean, 821, 21-19, 22-0; S Pettorer bt Cooks, 21-19, 21-16; Rosekopt and Fetzner by Prean and Cooks, 21-14, 17-21, 21-13. France 3. Sweden 1 Final: Germany 3, France 2. WINDSURFING

TABLE TENNIS

SINGAPORE: World championships: Lachner class: Men: 1, B Edgington (GB), 35.4pts; 2, M Quintin, (Fr), 42.7; 3, D Frank (Fr), 63.7. Women: 1, M Herbert (Fr), 60.2, A Herbert (Fr), 48.8; 3, N Lattern (Fr), 49.1. British: 6, P Way (GB), 31.4. Lightweight, raceboards: 1, T Lactorre (F), 49.1. British: 6, P Way (GB), 93.4. Lightweight: raceboards: 1, Leithteil (Aus), 21.0; 2, J Bellet (Fr), 44.8; 3, O Made (India), 80.7. British: 11, R Baruby, 152.7; 19, J Bodie, 216, Heavy-weight receboards: 1, A Heokstra (Neth) usalgiri receboarda: 1, A Heokurir (Neth). 0; Z. S. Allen (Aus). 31.7: 3, G. Lilligren (Swe). 85.5. British: 6, M Birt. 101 7: 8, G. Crizb.: 125.7: 10, J. Andeson... 132.0 Women: 1, F. Asilendreiu(Fr). 3.0; 2, L. Peppermans (Neth), 38.7; 3 P Tyler (GB)... 41.6.

PERTH: World Tornado champion-ships: Race 6: 1, M South and J Forbes (Aus.): 2, F Le Peutrec and R de Men (Ext (Aust. 2. F Le Peutrec and R de Meo (Fr).
3. G Clevenot and M Elsenblastier (Fr).
13. G Clevenot and M Elsenblastier (Fr).
14. Rices 7: 1, E Peutrec and de Meo. 2 A
15ehkogis and P Sienkogier (Acestra); 3,
10. Schwall and R Schwall (Ger). Final
15ehkofings: 1, Booth and Forbes, 22.7pts.
2, Schwall and Schwall, 52.7; 3, Le
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15ekkogis and Geschwall and Ges SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: First round defenders series: 1, Defant (America), B Melges), 3re Semin 5-4ec; 2, Stars end Stripes (Team Dennis Conner, Defant (America)), 361-8, Overall standings: 1, Defant (America), 301-3, 2, Stars and Stripes, (Team Dennis Conner), 1; 3, Jayriawk (America), 0.

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# Ryde Again to be Pitman ace

who won the most valuable race at Kempton on Saturday with Egypt Mill Prince, look the combination to follow today at Leicester where they can land a treble with Ryde.
Again (1.00); The Illywhacker (2.30) and Ebony Candell, but he could not Gale (3.30).

Following that 12 length victory at Chepstow 13 days ago, Ryde Again is napped to win the first division of the Dick Christian Novices' Chase. A full-brother to Celtic Ryde and a half-brother to Noddy's Ryde, both high-class jumpers killed in race-course falls, Ryde Again has always looked the type to excel

It was disappointing to see The experience that The Illywhacker gained when

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him fall early on in his only Cundell, but he could not have jumped better at Chepstow for his new trainer. He is now poised to fulfil his potential

His most interesting opponent this afternoon is arguably the Nicky Hendersontrained Tinryland, who had good form over hurdles two seasons ago, although not as good as Ryde Again, before he developed leg trouble.

winning his first race over fences at Leicester earlier this month should stand him in good stead when he returns to the Midlands track to contest the other division of the Dick Christian Novices' Chase.

Having won the Bic Razor Lanzarote Hurdle 12 months ago, Star Season will not be a pushover, especially since he too made a pleasing start to his chasing career at Newton Abbot on Boxing day when beating Its Nearly Time by a comfortable two lengths.

Ebony Gale can provide the stable with further cause for celebration by winning the Stonesby Novices' Hurdle now that he will be racing over three miles for the first time. His style of racing and

out for this trip.

While Superior Finish, another member of the formidable Pitman raiding party, should also give a good account of himself in the Daniel Lambert Handicap Hurdle I prefer Derab. He gave the impression that the distance of today's race would suit him better when going under by only half a length to Wake Up over the minimum trip last

For the Croxton Park Novices Hurdle the Pitman family rely upon Lusty Light, who caught the eye with that promising first run behind Martha's Son at Stratford. Carobee and Ring Of Fortune should also go well but I

2.30 DICK CHRISTIAN NOVICES CHASE (Div II: 52,505: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 152-501 STAR SEASON 25 (9.5) (M Wheeler) R Holder 811-4 M Mann 85 2 343-421 THE 8LLYWHACKER 13 (8.CD,G.S) (J Hechina) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4 M Pitman 6 99 CALL ME EARLY (H Jost) A Turnel 7-10-12 S McNell CALL ME EARLY (H Jost) A Turnel 7-10-12 G Upton 5 0100-43 NORS GUEST 14 (V.F.S) (Mrs E Hitchina) R Lee F-10-12 J Shorts 86 P00-UP2 RABA RIBA 19 (R Besselch) J Spearing 7-10-12 M Lynch 75 P4-3570 RHYT-MA AND SONG 13 (Mrs T Pithogton) J Gifford 7-10-12 D Murphy 64 8 000P4 RIVER FORTRIESS 25 (Lady Arms Bentinck) O Brannan 7-10-12 S J O'Nell 79 9 9-00 SCORPIO SAM 44 (Mrs C Cooper) C O'Nell 7-10-12 V Stattary (5) 10 0F-0142 WELSH COMMANDER 23 (F.G) (J Judd) T Etherington 9-10-12 G McCourt 11 00P5/P) IMPERIAL RAIN 58 (Mrs C Reed) N Miller 9-10-7 Supple (7) BETTIMES 11-6 Star Season 3-1 The Movebacker, 4-1 Welsh Commander, 8-1 River Formsss. 10-1 others.

BETTING: 11-8 Star Seeson, 3-1 The Mywbacker, 4-1 Weish Commander, 8-1 River Fortress, 10-1 others.

1991: NO COFIRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

Action and Cabochon.

Live Action, whose sights are reportedly set on the Lincoln in the long term, loved some cut in the ground when he was trained on the Flat by Luca Cumani. So it was not surprising to see him make a winning debut over hurdles for Henrietta Knight over today's course and distance 13

days ago. Cabochon, trained at Newmarket by David Morley, also liked soft going on the Flat and in his favourite conditions he was good enough to win the Ascot Stakes during the royal meeting. He could well prove capable of making a winning jumping debut in this company.

#### CARVILL'S Hill has been installed favourite for the Grand National at 10-1 "with a run" by Corals after a decision by his owner Paul Green to enter the Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite for the world's greatest steeple-"If he has an easy race in the Gold Cup, there's no reason why he shouldn't go to Aintree," Green said. "But it will be a team decision and

Carvill's Hill on course

for National challenge

Balding: delighted by

Morley Street's gallop Mordaunt said: "It's a matter of striking a balance be-tween making an ordinary handicap and taking into account the tiring effect of carrying big weights in the National." Twin Oaks is now a best-

one he encountered when Burrough Hill Lad and Despriced 12-1 after once again ert Orchid were allotted 12st showing his unique blend of cleverness and boldness over 5lb and 12st 2lb respectively the difficult Haydock fences. Carvill's Hill is presently Last season, a hard race in rated at 175, whereas Twin the Gold Cup on unsuitably Oaks is now assessed at 160 fast going prevented Twin after gaining his sixth successive victory at Haydock in the Peter Marsh Chase on ional. "We're entering him at Cheltenham again only as a Saturday. But whether there precautionary measure," said Nicky Richards, trainer Gorwill be as much as 15lb between the two horses at Aindon Richards's son. tree is open to question.

Oaks from being in the Nat-

"The National is his main

objective. He'd only run at Cheltenham if the ground were to become very testing and if something were to happen to Carvill's Hill. But first he'll be back to Haydock for

the Greenalls Gold Cup." The betting on the Champion Hurdle continues to be dominated by the full-brothers Morley Street and Granville Again, who are priced at 3-1 and 5-1 respectively. Morley Street, last year's winner, delighted Toby Balding in a gallop at the weekend and is now on target for the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at

Cheltenham on Saturday. "We had a scare when he was cast in his box on Friday morning." Balding said. "He banged his off-fore joint but

he is all right now."

At Haydock, Granville Again extended his unbeaten record for the season to four when comprehensively outpacing Winnie The Witch after a slowly-run FK Roofing Champion Hurdle Trial.

"He did well to recover from a bad mistake on the far side," said Scudamore.

A treat is certainly in store at Cheltenham on Saturday as Nicky Henderson yesterday confirmed Remittance Man to be on course for a meeting with Rolling Ball in the Arlington Chase Final.

#### EFIGERALE IN SERVICE AND A THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 1.00 RYDE AGAIN (nap). 1.00 Ryde Again. 2.30 The Illywhacker. 3.00 SIBTON ABBEY 1.30 Cabochon. 2.00 Derry Reef. 2.30 The Illywhacker. 3.00 Moze Tidy. 3.30 Ebouy Gale. 4.00 Derab. 1.30 Live Again. 2.00 Derry Reef. 2.30 The Hywhacker. 3.00 SIBTON ARREY (nap). 3.30 Ebony Gaic. (nap). 3.30 Ebony Gale. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 LIVE ACITON. GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES) 1.00 DICK CHRISTIAN NOVICES CHASE (Div. L \$2,505; 2m, 4f) (12 runners) 1 24225-1 RYDE AGAIN 13 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs K Hayward) Mrs J Pitrian 9-11-4 M Pitrian 1-2 250-221 RYDE AGAIN 13 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs K Hayward) Mrs J Pitrian 9-11-4 M Pitrian 1-2 250-221 RYDE AGAIN 13 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs P Sty) Mrs P Sty 7-11-4 A Carroll 3 428-242 BOOK OF GOLD 21 (F.S) (H Josh ) J Gifford 7-10-12 D Murphy 4 P0/03-3 FIDDLE A LITTLE 13 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-10-12 A Maguire 5 0// FRENCHLANDS WAY 982 (R YOUNG) G Harts 8-10-12 B POwell 2 22U/005 LOST ART 18 (B.F.S) (Group 1 Racing (1991) Lich) M Creates 9-10-12. D Bridgester (S) 7 1P-54PP RINGYBOY 25 (G.S) (P Purdy) J Bennett 7-10-12 L Herney 8 SCALLYS CHOICE 82 (Mrs M Biagrove) M Pipe 7-10-12 M Foster (S) 9 130873/ TRIRTYLAND 654 (F.G.) (M Bookley) N Handerwin 8-10-12 R Durwoody 10 F0 TWO STEP RHYTHM 13 (Mrs R Stocks) J McConnochie 8-10-12 J Shortt 11 10PP-P0 VIRIDIAN 14 (F.G.S) (P Modarty) Mrs A King 7-10-12 M Lynch 12 PPR-08U KEE KEE'S DREAM 13 (Mrs L Tong) K White 8-10-7 A O'Hegen BETTIMG: 8-13 Rude Acain. 4-1 Sholleachs. 6-1 Tinvviend. 8-1 Scaliv's Choice, 12-1 Fiddle A Little, 14-1 E BETTING: 8-13 Ryde Again, 41 Singleade, 6-1 Trinyland, 8-1 Scally's Choice, 12-1 Fiddle A Little, 14-1 Book Of Gold, 25-1 others. 1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS PYDE AGAIN best Sacre D'Or (gave-8th) 121 at 1 Chepstow (2m 4f). SINGLESOLE best Needwood Forest (rec 5th) 121 at Wolvenhempton (2m 4f). SINGLESOLE best Needwood Forest (rec 5th) 121 at Wolvenhempton (2m 4f). SCALLY'S CHOICE 3rd bester 3f4 by Miss Purback (rec 3th) booten 3G by Sharnans (levels) at Newbory (2m 5th) Selection: RYDE AGAIN 1.30 CROXTON PARK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 2m) (13 runners) 1 LIVE ACTION 13 (CD,G) (Mrs A Sherif) Miss H Knight 5-11-11 J Osborne @ 99

1 UVE ACTION 13 (CD,G) (Mrs A Sherif) Miss H Knight 5-11-11 J Caborns PFO BELIA FLOR 25 (B Edwards) F Jorden 5-11-5 J Lodder CABOCHON 73F (Col-3ir Rers-Bengough) D Motey 5-11-5 G McCourt 13 CAROBEE 32 (G) GMrs R Stan) D Nicholson 5-11-5 R Durerody 006P FRED FOR FUN 164F (S Snelling) N Smith 6-11-5 P Leach HIMLAJ 1029F (Mrs B Mayorcan) S Mellor 7-11-5 S Earls F- LARS PORSENA 104F (J Deuth Abel) M W Easterby 5-11-6 L Wyer 2 LUSTY LIGHT 23 (B Burmugh) Mrs J Pitmen 6-11-5 M Pitmen 3 SEALS ROCK 25 (R Macculey) M Withmon 6-11-5 S Cowley P FLORENCE MARBIER 19 (F Abe) Mrs P Sy 5-11-0 A Carroll 122 RING OF FORTUNE 24 (BF,G) (F Berr)-M Pice 4-16-13 P Scudamore 04502 AL SARAK 10 (N Miss") N Miller 4-10-7 J Supple (7) CADENCY 86F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 S Supple (7) CADENCY 86F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 86F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 86F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 86F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Society) M Tomplains 4-10-7 Supple (7) CADENCY 84F (B Schmidt-Soc 82 83 65 BETTING: 11-4 Carobee, 3-1 Live Action, 9-2 Cabochoo, 5-1 Ring Of Fortune, 7-1 Losty Light, 8-1 Lara Porsana, 10-1 Al Sabek, 14-1 others: 1991: 90TTLES 4:10-7 S Smith Eccles (7-2) G Huffer 22 ran FORM FOCUS

LIVE ACTION beat Princess Moodyshoe (rec. 17to)
27th here (2m, good): CABOCHON a useful staying handicapper on the Flat, wisning quer 2m 4f.

CAROBEE 3rti beaten 37ti by Rocco (fereis) at at Wolverhampton (2m, good). All SABAK 2nd beaten 57th beaten 37ti by Rocco (fereis) at at Wolverhampton (2m, good). All SABAK 2nd beaten 57 by Marth's Son (levels) at Stratford (2m, beaten 51 by Marth's Son (levels) at Stratford (2m, Selection: LUSTY LIGHT

(£1,363: 2m) (13 runners) (£1,363: 2m) (13 runners)

1 1/050-02 BELPENEL 13 (B,D,G) (Mrs 8 Key) C Staith 5-11-10 D Bridgester 2 42-0453 ARTHURS STONE 3 (CD,S) (D Brennam) D Brennam 6-11-5 J Supple 3 0-08813 HIGH MARINGER 46 (D,BF,S) (Palacagusa Corporation Ltd) K Burks 6-11-5 J Leech 4 2445 DERRY (RESET 10 (BF) (J Ramaden) Mrs J Ramaden 5-11-0 B CRition 5 000 THATCCHENNE 72 (B) (A Grandy) Mr Eckley 7-10-2 A Magaire 8 24-8050 FIRST EDHESTION 19 (V Guy) Mrs A Knight 5-10-2 A Proctor 7 150 PADDY TEE 51 (D,F) (M Phps) M Pipe 4-10-2 M Poster 9 150 PADDY TEE 51 (D,F) (M Phps) M Pipe 4-10-2 M Poster 9 008 GREAT FUN 19 (K Whaddon) Mrs J Ramaden 4-10-1 J Twomey 10 P68 BOLGHERI 10 (E Inciss) N Tisiter 4-10-0 D J Moffatt 11 PPP-80 SUCASH STAR 3 (P Heatt) P Heat 6-10-0 S Device 12 6400 ELECTROJET 10 (J Abbey) B McMehon 4-10-0 G Robertson (5) 13 0000-P0 PADDY'S LINE 11 (D Tucker) D C Tucker 5-10-0 J Meaves (5)

Long handicap: Bolgheri 9-11, Stuash Star 9-8, Electrojet 9-6, Paddy's Line 9-3.
BETTING: 3-1 Derry Reef, 7-2 High Mariner, 5-1 Paddy Tee, 11-2 Belpenel, 15-2 Arthura Stone, 10-1 Multihands, 16-7 Bolgheri, 20-1 Stuash Star, 25-1 others. 1991: ARTHURS STONE 59-11 S Ryan (20-1) O Breamen 15 ran.

FORM FOCUS

BELPENEL 2nd beaten 301 by Bellyanto (rec 2b) at Chepatow (2m 4f, good to coff). ARTHURS STONE beaten 25th by Parjury (levels) with BOLGHERT 6th beaten 131 at Wetherby (2m, coff). PADDY TEE 9th of 16 to Preszing (see 10b) at Stratford (2m, good). HIGH MARINER 3rd beaten 47th by Lisa Rose (rec **COURSE SPECIALISTS** JOCKEYS

M Pitmen
P Soutemore
D Murphy
J Osborne
J Lodder
R Durnwoody following a fall in a novices' chase at Kempton on Saturday. Connections

TRAINERS

Rides Per cent

☐ Beech Road's fumre is in question after he was found to be bleeding blood vessels. "We haven't determined the problem yet but if we feel he's living with a burst blood vessel problem and it's interfering with his career then we'd retire him," trainer believe the former champion hurdler, who was also bleeding after falling in his previous race at Devon, may be Toby Balding said yesterday.

LINGFIELD PARK THUNDERER MANDARIN 1.40 Chafold Copse 1.40 Chafold Copse. 2.10 Southern Supreme. 2.10 Miss Fern. 2.40 Cons Glen. 2.40 Cona Glen.
3.10 Annio Chilone.
3.40 Elegant Stranger 3.10 Kanabaniya. 3.40 Major Inquiry. 4.10 Grey Gypsy.

GOING: GOOD (BACK STRAIGHT GOOD TO FIRM) 1.40 RAMPART NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,434: 2m) (8 runners) 2 - T HAMPART NA FIONAL HURT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,434: 2m) (8 runners)

1 2-1 CHAFOLD COPSE 20 (D.6) (Airs P Locks) G Herwood 7-11-11 M Parrett @ 99

1 2-56 HANDSOME NED 18 (J Winter) D Grissel 6-11-6 PHde (7)

3 8-P JUST LIKE TRIGGER 11 (8 Nayled) J Gilbert 7-11-6 PHde (7)

4 D-P RED AMBER 68 (J Morton) S Sherwood 6-11-6 M Richards SYDAMONTON (P Oldfield) N Henderson 6-11-6 J Kinvangh SYDAMONTON (P Oldfield) N Henderson 6-11-6 J Kinvangh 90

5 SYDAMONTON (P Oldfield) N Henderson 6-11-6 W McKenzie Coles 7-11-5 W Winter 80

6 0-33283 TRAIN ROBBER 16 (W McKenzie Coles) W McKenzie Coles 7-11-6 W Sharratt (7)

DZZY DEALER (Teleanmic Racing) Mrs J Jordan 5-11-1 M Sharratt (7)

B ARUNCUS (N Jonas) A Moore 4-10-8 G Moore — BETTHIG: 2-5 Chatcid Coppe, 8-1 Train Robber, 7-1 Sydmonton, 14-1 Handsome Ned, 20-1 Just Like Trigger, Red Amber, 25-1 Arencus, 33-1 Dizzy Dealer.

1997: MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

2.10 PORT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE 1 P-1PPPP SOUTHERN SUPREME 14 (F.G) (Southern Caravan Group) J Gifford 9-11-10 P Ride (\$) 82
2 FSP-183 MSS FERN 24 (D.F.G) (Pripps, Balley, Duene & Co) R Diction 7-10-12 \_\_ D Meredith (\$) 6 39
3 441-P24 GENERAL MERCHANT 7 (B.C.S) (G Tate) R Hodges 12-10-6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ M A Rizgerald 95
441-P24 GENERAL MERCHANT 7 (B.C.S) (G Tate) R Hodges 12-10-6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ M A Rizgerald 95
1 P4-SSSF SEACH TIGER 18 (B) (Airs A Garrett) J King 8-10-1 \_\_\_\_\_ J Kavenegh 97 (£1,882: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Beach Tiger, 5-2 Mass Fern, 7-2 Southern Supreme, 9-2 General Merchant. 2.40 DAVE FREEMAN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,432-3m) (6 runners)

1 1011/1-4 HURRY UP HENRY 20 (D.F.Q.S) (G Herwood) G Herwood 13-12-0 Miss A Herwood (S) 93
1 1011/1-4 HURRY UP HENRY 20 (D.F.Q.S) (G Herwood) G Herwood 13-12-0 Miss A Herwood (S) 93
2 F9-13ES SQUTHERPARR 21 (V.F.Q.S) (S Powel) J Jenkins 12-11-7 M Perrett 91
3 1F9-PU2 CARDINAL RALPH 11 (G) (Ain S Embiatoon) J Gifford 8-11-2 P Histe (7) 95
4 511951 CORA GLEN 30 (CD.F.Q.S) (Ains A Clowes) T Foreitr 11-11-0 C Liewesyn e 99
4 511951 CORA GLEN 30 (CD.F.Q.S) (Ains A Clowes) T Foreitr 11-11-0 J White 91
5 (SFS3/4 SHANGALLY BOY 19 (S.E) (R Helt) N Henderson 11-10-7 J White 91
6 (PSS1-0 ROCK SAINT 45 (CD.G.S) (G Gregoon) G Gregoon 15-10-0 D Gallagher 91
6 (PSS1-0 ROCK SAINT 45 (CD.G.S) (G Gregoon) G Gregoon 15-10-0 Southernair, 10-1 Shanbally Boy, 16-1 Rock Saint.

STAR SEASON made an impressive chasing debut when beating its Nearly Time (rec Sib) 23 at Newton Abbot (2m St, soft). THE BLYWACKER best Tom Troubadour (gave 2b) 8t, here (2m 4f, good). NORS GUEST 10t 3rd to Weish Bard (levels) at Wokerhampton (2m, good). RABA RIBA 15t 2nd of 3 to Fer Over Struy (gave Bib), here (2m 4t, good). RIVER FONTINESS 1914 4th to 1 Kid You Not (levels) at Market Resen (2m 4t, good). WELSH COMMANDER 101 2nd to Triple Witching (rec 4th) at Newbury (3m 120yd holle). Selection: STAR SEASON (nap) 3.00 RABBIT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,015: 3m) (15 runners) 1 1820/P-0 WERPOOL 23 (C.D.F.6) (H Spooner) P Hedger 10-11-10.

1 1820/P-0 WERPOOL 23 (C.D.F.6) (H Spooner) P Hedger 10-11-10.

2 F1/33/2- MY SKINAY 471 (D.F.6,5) (Euers of H Hespur-Crewe) T Donnelly 9-11-8.

3 03441-F CELTIC TRUST 55 (5) (R Murray) J McConnochia 9-11-2.

J Shortt 4 2/05315- ADMRAL'S LEAP 288 (D.F.S) (Queen Eizabeth) Mrs F Wathyn 8-11-2.

J Daborne 6 P-F891 MOZE TIDY 12 (6) (M Greenway) R Rowe 7-10-10.

T Granthem 8 00/2-811 WESSEX 11 (B.D.F.S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds H Ptc) N Teider 10-10-10 G McCourt 7 01-3041 SISTON ABBEY 13 (CD.F.6) (G Hubberd) F Murphy 7-10-8.

S UU00-5 INVASION 25 (F.0,5) (Ledy Anne Bentinck) O Brennan 8-10-8.

S J O'Nell 9 225-465 REGARDLESS 18 (6,5) (Mrs S Greetbenks) D Nicholson 10-10-4.

R Durwoody 10 243-045 DUBROUS JAKE 10 (B.D.F.S) (A Oldhem) R Woodhouse 9-10-4.

D Byrms 11 P1P-040 BIRD OF SPIRIT 19 (C.6,5) (F Mills) M Scudemore 12-10-8.

D Tegg 12 00F-228 DOUBLE TRICKS 24 (0,6) (Blys Thornas Williams) D Burchell 9-10-1 D J Burchell 4 4F650-P BRASSEYS COPSE 32 (Mrs J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 13-10-0.

V Stettery (5) 15 PP/51FF- TUDOR SUN 283 (5) (P Perfy) J Bennett 10-10-0.

S Burrough Long handlesp: D'Or's Gem 9-13, Brasseys Copse 9-5, Tudor Sun 9-5. Long handicap: D'Or's Gem 9-13, Brasseys Copes 9-5, Tudor Sun 9-5.
BETTING: 2-1 Status Abbey, 4-1 Moze Tidy, 5-1 D'Or's Gem, 6-1 Cettic Trust, 7-1 Double Tricks, 8-1 in 12-1 Bird Of Spirit, 14-1 others. 1991: WINABUCK 8-10-0 S Earle (3-1 fav) R Dickin 17 ran **FORM FOCUS** CELTIC TRUST would have been placed when falling lest in contest won by All Affout (rec 13tb) at Stratford (2m 61, good): enfier best impale (gave 10tb) 11 at Wolvenhampton (3m 11, good to 5m). DOUBLE 10tb) 11 at Wolvenhampton (3m 11, good to 5m). DOUBLE 10tb) 11 at Wolvenhampton (3m 11, good): soft). TRICKS 61 3rd to Consedy Road (levels) at Wolvenhampton (3m 11, good). D'OR'S GEM best the only fits (gave 8tb) 23 at Nottingham (3m 11, good). D'OR'S GEM best the only fitsher Record Fight (gave 8tb) 25 at Nottingham (2m 61, good to 5m). Selection: SISTON ABBEY 3.30 STONESBY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 3m) (22 runners)

\_\_ Mr R Alner 95 \_\_ A S Smith ● 99 \_\_\_ P Harley 65 \_\_ M Pitman 98 N Williamson 63 BETTING: 3-1 Flyer's Nep, 3-1 Ebony Gale, 9-2 Ridwan, 11-2 Jammy O'Des, 13-2 Queens Tour, 8-1 Raihm 14-1 General Shot, 16-1 others. 1991: CELTIC PRINCE 5-11-13 J Osborne (5-2 (1-fax) N Twiston-Davies 20 ran

**FORM FOCUS** PLYER'S NAP appreciated the trip when beating Casting Time (rec 1ib) 12 with RATHMORE (rec 1ib) 13/4/3rd at Chepstow (3m, good to soft), RID-13/4/3rd to The Selection: JTMMY O'DEA

4.00 DANIEL LAMBERT HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,197: 2m 4f) (15 runners) Long handicap: Regitime 9-10, Red Rings 9-9, Lothian Sultan 9-7, Young Miner 9-5.
BETTINS: 7-2 Simpson, 4-1 Derst, Superior Finish, Harry Lime, 6-1 Regitime, 7-1 Sea Trout, 10-1 Red Ring, 12-1 Fighting Words, 14-1 others.

1991: DUNCAN IDAHO 8-9-13 M. FitzGerald (9-1) R. Cellow 9 ran FORM FOCUS

DUNCAN (DAHO 15I 5th to Shades Of Peace (rec 28b) at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, soft). FIGHTING WORDS 314 3rd to Barga Boy (rec 8b) at Newbury (2m). DERAB 11 2nd to Weise Up (rec 10b) with CHARLIE DICKINS (rec 12b) 7th of 13, here (2m, good). SIMPSON beat Meditator (rec 3b) 51, here (2m 4t, good). SUPERIOR FINISH beat Netwo Tribs (gave 8b) 51, here (2m 4t, good). SEA TROUT beat isabeeu (rec 10th) 31 at Nottingham (2m 51, good).
TOMANAWK 39'sl 5th to Cheerlul Times (rec 5tb) at Uttoxeter (2m, soft). HARRY LIME 4'sl 3rd to L'Uomo Piu (gave 12b) at Devon (2m 11, good to firm). RAGTIME head 2nd to Pashto (gave 22b) at Hereford (2m 31, good to soft). RED RING 81 2nd to SMPSON (rec 2b) at Towcester (2m, good).
Selection: RED RING

3.10 PORT CULLIS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,632: 2m 4f) (10 nunners) M Ahem — P Hide (7) 95 V Smith 81 Mrs P Nash (7) 99 R Farmer (7) 9 W Ivvine 98

BETTING: 15-8 Kannbeniya, 11-4 Annio Chilone, 4-1 Mr Taylor, 5-1 Platonic Allair, 12-1 others. 3.40 MOAT NOVICES CHASE (£1,908: 2m) (12 runners) G Moore 97 BETTING: 7-4 Major Inquiry, 4-1 Hollarmenn, Shadow Run, 5-1 Alkinor Rex, 8-1 Pick Roundstone, 10-1 others.

4. 10 KEEP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,387: 2m) (8 runners) BETTING: 2-1 Mindy, 4-1 Careless Kiss, 5-1 August Twelfth, 11-2 Artificer, 8-1 Grey Gypsy, 12-1 others

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** Rides Per cent 16 25.0 48 16.7 41 14.6 25 12.0 TRAINERS Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS G Gregson
J King T Fooster
N Handerson
Mrs J Pitmen
J Gifford

#### SOUTHWELL

By MICHAEL SEELY

nothing will happen without

consultation with Martin

Carvill's Hill's appearance

Pipe and Peter Scudamore."

amongst the National entries,

vhich will be announced on

Wednesday, poses a problem

for Christopher Mordaunt.

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MANDARIN 12.50 Silly's Brother. 1.20 Secret Summit. 1.50 Walk This Way. 2.20 Il Bambino. 2.50 Departure. 3.20 Spring To It. 3.50 Master Dancer.

THUNDERER 12.50 Silly's Brother. 1.20 Secret Summit. 1.50 Diebel Prince. 2.20 Gymcrak Sowereign. 2.50 What A Card. 3.20 Spring To It. 3.50 First Lord.

GOING: STANDARD 12.50 BEETHOVEN MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,482: 2m) (9 runners) 

4-6 Sitty's Brother, 5-1 Shewwel, 8-1 Jendee, 10-1 Blaze Of Majesty, 12-1 Major Player, Rhoman Coin, 16-1 others.

1.20 WAGNER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,292: 2m 2f) (5) 1 6051 SECRET SUMMAT 14 (V.C.F) A Forbes 6-11-10 T Eley 2 F034 HIGH FINANCE 7 (C) R Weaver 7-11-8 \_\_\_\_\_ D Benday 3 0543 VICTIORY TORCH 47 (V.F) H Whiting 7-11-2 C Dennis 4 5382 BAND OF HOPE 7 W Clay 5-10-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ J Driscoli 5 0U-0 ZACTOO 25 B Presce 6-10-0 \_\_\_\_\_ A Juckes 74 High Finance, 2-1 Secret Summit, 11-4 Band Of Hope, 8-1 Victory Torch, 20-1 Zacho.

1.50 PURCELL SELLING HURDLE (£1,601: 2m) (17)

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TPAINERS: J Hellens, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; A Hide, 5 from 9, 55.6%; M Pipe, 21 from 46, 45 7%; Mrs V Aconley, 7 from 18, 399%; T Thomson Jones, 5 from 13, 38.5%; M Tompkins, 7 from 25, 28.0%. JOCKEYS: A Orkney, 4 winners from 5 rides, 66.7%; Miss S Ballot, 5 from 9, 55.6%; S Woods, 9 from 34, 26.5%; G Lyone, 17 from 66, 25.8%; A Juckes, 9 from 44, 20.5%; R Marley, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

#### 2.20 BEETHOVEN MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div II: £1,470: 2m) (9) 1 BANANA CUFFLINKS 224F M Tompkins 6-11-7 

1-2 Gymcrak Sovereign, 4-1 Banana Culffinks, Il Bambino, 10-1 others.

2.50 VERD! CLAIMING HANDICAP HUR-DLE (£1,458: 2m) (14)

1 3356 HILL BEAGLE 7 (CD,F,S) W Clay 12-11-10 

12 S303 WHAT A CARD 19 Denys Smith 4-100 ... D Crossmen (7) 13 000 SHARP TO OBLIGE 12 (V) P Haley 5-100 ... S Wymne (7) 14 0408 WOODLANDS GREY 48F P Princhard 5-100 ... A Webb 11-4 Hill Beagle, 3-1 Sheily's Folly, 4-1 Dru Ri's Bru Rt, 5-1 Granny's Gat, 10-1 Graenore Rose, 12-1 Sea Shadow, 14-1 others.

3.20 CINDERELLA NOVICES HURDLE (£1,422: 2m 4f) (11)

45 Spring To IL 41 Peacock Feather, 51 Hydrotist, 12-1 others

3.50 STRAUSS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,351: 2m 6f) (9) 1-120 COSHRC DANCER 19 (CD,BF) A Hide 5-12-0 S Woods
 2 2351 FRST LORD 11 (C.S) Mrs V Acceley 6-11-9... P Midgley (7)
 3 /PO STORM WARRION 25 (B,C,G) 8 Prescs 7-11-8.

A Juckes (S) 11-4 First Lord, 4-1 Mubeans, 5-1 Master Dancer, 6-1 Cosmic Dancer, 7-1 Groomsman, 8-1 Nearctic Bay, 12-1 others.

☐ Satellite Information Services is negotiating with BSkyB to produce a two-hour afternoon racing programme to be screened once a week on the satellite channel. The programme, which it is hoped will begin in May, will show seven live races from two courses.

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS FROM FIVE MEETINGS

Haydock Park Going: good (good to soft in places) 12.30 (3m hole) 1, Trapper John (C Swan, 13-8 fav); 2, Burgoyne (3-1); 3, Upton Park (8-1), 8 ran. 2½, 2½, M Monts. Tole: 52.40; £1.30, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £3.50. CSF: £8.83. DF: 23.50. CSF: \$28.83. 1.00 (2m hole) 1, Granville Again (P Scudanore, 1-2 lav, Mandarin's nap), 2, Wisne The Witch (4-1); 3, Mardood (200-1), 5 ran. 2, 8, M Pipe. Tote: \$1.50, \$1.10, \$1.40, DF: \$1.70. CSF: \$2.84. 1.35 (2m ch) 1, Twin Oaks (N Doughty, 5-4 fav; Thunderer's nap & Private Handicapper's lop rating); 2, Gold Options (6-1); 3, Romany King (4-1), 6 rm. 5, sh hd. G Richards. Tote: \$2.20. £1.50, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £8.50, Th

2.05 (2m 4f ch) 1, Parson's Thoms (G Bradley, 2-1 fav, Richard Evans's napol 2, Poetic Gem (20-1), 3, Icerus (15-2)- 13 ran. 234, 234. C Brooks. Tote: 53.00; £1.80, £5.10, £2.10. DF: £44.80. CSF: £41.84. 2.35 (2m ch) 1, My Young Man (G Bradley, 9-4); 2, Last O' The Bunch (5-2); 3, Monumental Led (12-1), Uncle Erms 2-1, 8-5, 5-m, 6, 3M: C Brooks, Tote: 23-20; 21.60, £1.70 DF: £3-60. CSF: £7-82.

3.05 (2n 4f hdje) 1, Preoblekensky (N Doughty, 7-2); 2, Rothko (7-1); 3, Primitive Singer (7-4 fav), 15 ran. 4, 8t. G Richards. Tota: 24.50; 21.70, 22.00, 21.90, DF: £14.90 CSF: £29.63 Placepot: £8.40.

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Kempton Park ' 1.20 1, Fragrant Dawn (5-1); 2, Deadly Charm (9-2), 3, Logamimo (13-2). Beach Road 13-8 fav. 7 ran. 1.50 1, Welshmen (12-1); 2, The Widget Man (100-30 fav), 3, Seyyure (20-1). 8 ran. 2.20 1, Egypt Mill Prince (11-2); 2, Jungle Knite (7-2 fav); 3, Serrorius (11-2); 7 ran. 3, 30. Mrs J Priman, Tote: £4.40; 23.00. £3.20. Dr: 55 70. C5 F. £22.62. 2.50 1, Ediberg (9-2); 2, Farmina Boy (8-1); 3, Golden Freeze (15-8 fav), 6 ran.

3, Loocen Freeze (15-5 ray), p ran.
3,20 1, Keep Telking (10-11 fav); 2,
Benker's Gossep (Evens); 3, Little Thyne
(25-1) 3 ran.
3,50 1, Shar Quest (10-1); 2, Mountain
Kingdom (6-2); 3, Rooce (11-10 lav). 7 ran Warwick

1.10 1. Canny Chronicle (1-4 fav), 2. Master Of Troy (10-1); 3. San Lorenzo (10-1). 6 ran. NR. None So Breve. 1.40 1. Shannana (2-5 lay); 2. Maple Dancer (5-1); 3. Noble Eyre (50-1). 5 ran. 2.10 1, Dark Honey (10-1); 2. Dusty Miller (5-1 ji-fav); 3. Pashto (5-1 ji-fav); 4, Zamil (16-1), 29 rap. NR: The Papperazi 240 1, Woodgate (9-1); 2. Cool Ground (5-1); 3, David's Duky (200-1) Topsham Bay 5-2 fav B ran. 3.10 1, Plastic Spaceage (11-1); 2, Good For A Loan (3-1); 3, Mulbank (5-1); 4, Jag-ged Edge (8-1), Huso 5-2 fav, 18 ran.

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3.40 1. Cyphrate (4-7 fav): 2, Ardcroney Chael (12-1); 3, The Shy Controller (4-1), 11 ran. 4.10 1, Shadows Of Silver (14-1), 2, Lady Of Rome (20-1); 3, Run Fast For Gold (13-2) How Doudo 7-2 lav. 25 ran.

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1.0C 1, Peanuts Pet (B-13 fav); 2, Boston Rover (25-1); 3, Moorfield Lady (50-1) 1 ren.
1.30 1, Buck Owens (14-1), 2, Beaumood (5-1); 3, Festival Fancy (6-1). Negatory 9-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Pristine.
2.00 1, Howe Street (12-1); 2, Cosmic Rey (4-1); 3, Marejo (2-1 fav) 6 ran.
2.30 1, Shikari Kid (6-1 ji-fav), 2, Dru Ri's Bru Ri (6-1 ji-fav), 3, Dru Ri's Bru Ri (6-1 ji-fav), 3, Dru Ri's 17 ran NR: What if.
3.00 1, Nautical Joke (9-2); 2, Old Apple-3.00 1. Nautical Joke (9-2): 2, Old Apple-ack (3-1): 3, Azusa (13-2) Mr Boston 7-4 fav 5 rsn.

3.30 1, Monaru (5-1); 2, Royal Charge (14-1); 3, Bay Tem (6-1), Fingers Crossed 7-2 fav. 13 ran, NR, Palanquin. 4.00 1, Blackdown (8-1); 2, Major Ivor (6-4 fev.), 3, Royalist (16-1) 15 ran

Southwell

12.55 Strat's Legacy (5-1): 2, Plectrum (11-2): 3, Sharp Top (5-1) Carpet Stoppers 9-4 tav. 10 ran. 1.25 1, Sand Table (11-8 tav), 2, Easy Dose it (20-1): 3, Super-Sub (13-2), 8 ran. 1.55 1, Jastierson Davis 5-2 (r-lav); 2, Try Leguard (4-1), 3, Up The Pumpa (5-2 jf-lav) Myasha 5-2 jf-lav, 5 ran. 2, M. Masha 5-2 jf-lav, 5 ran. 2, M. Masha 5-2 jf-lav, 5 ran. (av) Myasna 3-4 (riev. 3 ran 2.25 1, Rapporteur (5-6 fev), 2, Mr Wish-ing Well (6-1), 3, Super Safly (7-4), 4 ran, 2.55 1, African Chimea (2-1 fav); 2, Bold Habit (11-4); 3, Respectable Jones (4-1), 11 ran, NR: Mac's Fighter. 3.25 1, Jawani (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Malencir (20-1); 3, Take Issue (5-1). Shar Emblem 9-2 p-lav. 14 ran.



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Notts County well worth their draw

# United's wings are clipped by a dogged defence

Manchester United ......

By CLIVE WHITE

IF MANCHESTER United thought they had done the repeatedly putting it across Leeds United, they had another think coming at Meadow Lane on Saturday, when they discovered that it is open season on would-be

Between now and early May, United are fair game for any team with a point to prove or, in Notts County's case, a point to make. They can expect a lot more of the kind of stifling attention with which County succeeded in spoiling a few Football League pools, as Neil Warnock, their manager,

With better finishing they might have seriously damaged United's League championship aspirations, too; Warnock's theory that Mark Hughes would have got four or five playing for County was Welshman's prolificity rather than County's goal-scoring opportunities. In the light of affairs at Elland Road, it was not such a bad result for United - nor, probably, for

have a higher regard for County than their manager

as Alex Ferguson suggested, "a wee edge" off United's game after the midweek clash of the Titans, but seldom have their aces, Kanchelskis and Giggs, been trumped quite so effectively as they were by County. Man-to-man marking is something the Ukrainian may or may not be used to. but it is certainly new to Giggs. It is a testimony to the huge strides made by the gifted young Welshman this season that he is now a target for such tactics, which he must learn to defeat.

The pair were not the only ones to be chaperoned throughout, and the United County for the way they stuck to their job, expressed his relief that they did not "kill us off" with one-on-one situations of a more dangerous nature in front of the United

Twice Schmeichel saved the day by not so much narof Johnson and Bartlett with his huge frame, while another time only Parker's pace and

trailing to a goal which came Schmeichel put his bulk to other uses by bringing down Bartlett for a penalty from son found a way past the imposing Dane. It had originated from a mistake by

Pallister, who had unwisely attempted to clear the ball rather than win it in a 50-50 challenge with the steely Harding, but it was Schmeichel who got a booking for his Twice Harding came with-in a whisker of converting crosses and adding to his new-found fame as a forward,

but United's ceaseless pressure in the second half was much-abused Hughes was when he touched home a low cross from Kanchelskis, only to be ruled offside. In the seventieth minute Draper brought down Ince in

the penalty area and Blackmore, a substitute for the njured Bruce, proved that he is not the sort to miss from 12

Johnson, MANCHESTER (MTED: P Schmelchei; P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce (sub: C Black-more), N Webb, G Palister, A Kanchelaids, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Gigge (sub: Manchelaids)



Licence to score but Lineker missed his big chance for Spurs, driving the ball over the top of the goal with only Flowers to beat

# Home comfort is abused by Spurs

TOTTENHAM Hotspur' season is on the verge of sunk at White Hart Lane once again on Saturday but. gainst Southampton, who were themselves lying at the bottom of the first division, they also descended to

depths unprecedented in their manager's experience.
As a bewildered Peter Shreeves attempted rationally to pick his way through the wreckage of a 2-l defeat, Tottenham's eighth at home this season, he admitted that his de-meanour had not been so affable during the interval. "I'm capable of showing anger at times," he said, "and half-time was one of those

Tottenham, he felt, were a-slumber, and no one epitomised Pat van den Hauwe. Failing

aimless passes rolled across the back four, he offered Micky Adams a gilt-edged ton ahead. It was accepted

with the minimum of fuss. For rank incompetence, van den Hauwe was not alone. After feebly yielding the advantage, Tottenham indulged in "nothing foothalf, in Shreeves's view. "That 20-minute period was clearly as bad as we've played since I've been here. It is all right to pass the ball around but it has got to be

Even more dispirited than by the FA Cup defeat by Aston Villa last Tuesday, must urgently redefine Tottenham's approach at home. He must do so before

final and the Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final against Tottenham, who have col-

lected only a dozen of their 33 League points at White Hart Lane, cannot afford again to be so ineffectual there in those two-legged ties. The service to Gary Lineker and Gordon Durie. therefore, has to be re-stored Against Southampton, they were largely

"They are jewels, for-Shreeves said. "Earlier in the season we were releasing them into channels, turning defences and hurting people. We are not doing that now." Indeed, their one goal, scored belatedly uct of a wicked deflection.

Lineker earlier headed against an upright and Walsh's chip was nodded off of height had been exposed. Walker, beaten by Horne's shot which cannoned off the bar, was also uhable to reach another dipping and decisive drive from Dowie.

Shreeves, who revealed that be had dropped both Thorstvedt and Fenwick, indicated that he would also discard the experiment of playing Walsh as an addi-tional forward on the left. Although scarcely anyone else deserved to be retained. he recognised the benefits of a settled side.

Yet the most regular member of the line-up. Samways, was the principal target of abuse from the club's lowest League gate of able competitor, typified the widespread lack of orgency.

munition to illustrate his fire-power, although Flowers was stretched to the limit to prevent Lineker equalising in the closing

on to their fifth victory in the first division to climb above Luton Town on goal difference, have "every chance" of escaping relega-His opinion was far from

# Leeds squander points

ON THE day Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, conceded that the League championship was no longer a two-horse race, he will possibly have rued his decision to tempt fate in his programme notes.

Wilkinson had written: The pace remains as hot as ever up at the top and we know any one slip might be Many, including Wilkin-

son, would argue that a draw against one of the division's most robust sides is not a cause for dismay, particularly as it came just three days after their defeat in the FA Cun. and without Chapman, the club's leading goalscorer. Wilkinson stressed the importance of having avoided defeat, but this draw was a wasted chance.

Every time you drop two points when you are up where the pace is, you are disap"We are disappointed; Manchester United will be disappointed; Liverpool will It is a measure of Leeds's

durability away from home that they lead the first division despite not having won a League game at Elland Road since late November. Their failure to win was

attributable to bad luck and poor finishing. Leeds struck the woodwork on three occasions, but Wallace certainly



Speed: laid on equaliser

imum points in the 76th minute, when his rising drive Speed had been less fortu-

nate when he headed a marvellous Strachan cross against a post, but without an orthodox target man as a focal point, Leeds's numerous assaults on the Palace goal lacked real authority. Palace, the only team to

have defeated Leeds in the League this season, have no such excuses for a threadbare contribution to a disappointof dubious conviction after Thomas had given them the lead in the seventeenth minute with a firm drive. Leeds can be thankful for

Speed's aerial prowess. Fairclough turned home his back flick after 31 minutes to restore the status quo. LEEDS UNITIED: J Lukic; M Sterland, A Dorigo, D Batty, C Fairclough, C Whyte, G Strachen, Rodney Wallace, S Hodge (sub: R Davison), G McAllister (sub: M Whitlow).

# Villa's misfortune provokes Sealey's fury

Sheffield Wednesday .... 1 By KEITH PIKE

A MATCH of high passion and huge endeavour ended in controversy and chaos at Villa Park on Saturday as Les Sealey, Villa's voiatile veteran goalkeeper, led furious protests about the legitimacy of Wednesday's decisive goal. You sensed Sealey was not best pleased when he ran half

the length of the field to re-

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Courtney, the referee, after Nigel Jemson's 79th-minute header was ruled to have crossed the line before Sealey clutched the ball to his body. And Sealey's temper had

obviously not cooled by the final whistle when, arms flailing and seemingly incandescent with rage, he had to be dragged, screaming, from the field by his colleagues as he sought to re-emphasise his displeasure. The upshot, almost inevitably, will be that Sealey, who has been reportby the referee, will face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. Villa Park was no place for

the faint-hearted. Nor, one suspects, was it the place to see this season's first division champions in action

That Wednesday, humiliated 6-1 by Leeds United at Hillsborough six days earlier and still shorn of half their side through injury, were now able to match a Villa side which had swept Tottenham Hotspur out of the FA Cup in

B and Q Scottish League

only reinforced the belief that neither team will muscle in on Wednesday's commitment

magnificent performances of Shirtliff and Nilsson in frustrating Villa's incessant attacks and when Villa did break through they either found Woods at his athletic best of were guilty themselves of poor finishing, with Yorke

the main culprit.

ish their visit to play Trafford on Wednesday, where they will get the chance to play on grass rather than was reflected by four book the mixture of yellow and ings and exemplified by the green sand which passes for a playing surface at Villa Park

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Conway, and the former\_St

Helens forward, Round. The

mistakes were made with the final pass, and the worst miss

came in the second half.

when Jones, the wing,

dropped a pass with the way

By contrast, St Helens were

lethal in their finishing, with

Bishop, at scrum half, crown-

ing an outstanding game with a cheeky individual try and six goals.

St Helens led 22-6 at half-

time, with tries from Grif-fiths, now coming back to form after injury, Bishop and

two from Cooper. In the

opening 20 minutes of the second half, Wakefield again played some skilful football, only to throw away possession.

St Helens took control

again and Veivers backed up

splendidly from full back to

score twice. Hunte also got

on to the scoresheet, after

moving into the centre to

allow Quirk to come on as a

to the line clear.

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

St Helens show

mastery of

finishing touch

By KEITH MACKLIN

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THE RESERVE

Points are shared at Goodison Park

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penchant for the unorthodox, was in one of his more ebul-lient moods, instigating a

spirited Everton revival in the

Everton created a succes-

sion of inviting openings only to squander them with mo-notonous and, it has to be said, wholly predictable regu-larity. All sides miss chances

but few are as adept at the art

Indeed, it was only the bril-

hance of Southall which en-sured that Everton's interest

in the proceedings did not end prematurely for he pro-duced a remarkable save to

deny Gemmill a second goal

Just five minutes remained when Everton's unshakeable

resolve was finally met with

some reward, Watson rising

above a cluster of defenders

on the goal line to head in a

Keown cross from the right

which had been touched on

Johnston, the Everton for-ward, could face a lengthy lay

off after suffering a suspected broken right wrist during the

in the 68th minute.

second period.

as are Everton.

# Everton continue to pay for their missed chances

Everton... Nottingham Forest...

NOT for the first time this season, and presumably not for the last, Everton were made to pay a perhaps undu-ly severe price for an inability to transform chances into goals at Goodison Park

Ever since the opening day of the season, when his side was defeated by yesterday's opponents at the City Ground, Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, has be-mouned his side's inability to add a ruthless streak to some otherwise tidy football.

A television audience of millions may now be ready to concur with his viewpoint after Nottingham Forest had survived periods of incessant pressure to secure a draw and so further andermine Everton's pursuit of a place in next season's Uefa Cup.

Despite a recent bout of inconsistency. particularly against those sides who currently enjoy a superior League position, Kendall was reluctant to make significant changes to a side he continues to believe will, ultimately, flourish.

The inclusion of Ablen, a Jackson.

£750,000 purchase from Beagrie, a maverick with a

WEST Bromwich Albion.

who are playing their first season in the third division,

must be almost used to the

style of play there now but

they still seemed taken aback

by the robust opposition pro-

of being swept away. Orient are a good side in the tradi-

tional style of the division:

what they lack in skill and finesse they make up for with

Orient soon had West

Bromwich pinned back. They

early as the third minute,

when Hackett's lovely first-

time pass released Jones on

the left, but he shot over the

bar when better options

Jones had more luck 15

vigour and strength.

beckoned.

might have taken the lead as

West Bromwich

survive the pace

vided by Leyton Orient at find their feet but gradually,

BY KEITH BLACKMORE

Liverpool, was an inevitability in the continued absence of the injured Hinchcliffe. After Ablett had received a generous welcome Eventon constructed attacks down either flank which threatened to

reap a handsome reward. Warzycha should have scored in the fourth minute after collecting Johnston's intelligent pass but his shot drifted wide after being delivered with undue haste. Beardsley, a master craftsman, awayang honest increase. man among honest journey-men, displayed

men, displayed commendable vision a few moments later but his attempt to chip over Crossley from 25 yards dropped just over the crossbar.

Forest, while making an impressive contribution to a fine game, had only carely

fine game, had only rarely threatened to add a cutting edge to some concise football in midfield but they made the breakthrough in the 37th

Gemmili's shot from 16 yards was firmly struck but a comfortable save by Southall seemed to be a formality until the ball hit Keown's shoulder and looped up over the goalkeeper. Everton would possibly have been engulfed by self-pity thereafter but for the introduction of Beagrie as a substitute for the injured

minutes later, this time after

Nugent's pass put him clear on the right and his low shot

from 15 yards gave Nayior no

chance to intervene. Another

15 minutes were to pass be-fore West Bromwich began to



My ball: Crossley, the Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, beats Bearsdley to a centre

# Portsmouth cast doubts

By Louise Taylor

stepped off the bench and set

about undoing the Rovers

Ten minutes later,

Beresford bent a 20-yard free

kick around the wall and be-

yond Mimms. It proved the

cue for the 20,106 crowd -

the biggest at Fratton Park

since the visit of Dalglish's

Liverpool four years ago — to

turn up the volume and a

minute from time, Whitting-

ham capitalised on defensive

indecision to direct a loose

Afterwards, Dalglish was

all smiles. The preservation of

this new-found affability

could depend on his success

in attracting truly top-class

ball past Mimms.

rearguard.

TOP OF the second division. managed by a smiling Kenny Dalglish, and rolling in money, Blackburn Rovers seem well on course for the Premier

ceive, and judging from Sat-urday's 2-2 draw at

Brisbane Road on Saturday. - Roberts, no stranger to rough They emerged with a 1-1 and tumble in midfield, draw, no mean result from a began to exert his influence. draw, no mean result man a ground where no visiting finds . He was aided by Harby has won this season, but for who emerged as a threat on the left wing and Bradley who made some well-timed runs from midfield. These two had already combined once, unsuccessfully, when they provided the equaliser, Bradley poking home a low cross.

to exploit this. West Bromwich were a lot Disappointed by his play-ers' failure to show "passion" until late, Smith was encourbetter after that, but no further goals ever seemed likely.

LEYTON ORIENT: C Turner; T Howard, W Hackers, W Burnets, K Day, A Whitbread, S Taylor (sub: R Otto), S Castle, A Jones, K Nagart, G Berry.
WEST BROWNICH ALBION: S Neylor; S Hodion, G Harby, D Brackey, G Strockier, D Burgese, W Fercelay, G Bernister, G Roberts, G Hockert.
Reference: J Center.

probably spend another El two goals - one a deverly-

Yet appearances can de-Portsmouth, automatic promotion should not be taken as

Rovers' departure with a point was largely down to Portsmouth's poverty in at-tack — highlighted by a frus-trating inability to cross accurately. Blackburn's defence is vulnerable to wellworked centres and set pieces, and Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, conceded that his team had neglected

aged by the realisation that once we got it together, we had nothing to fear". "Their passing was not that good," Smith said. "They should go up, but Kenny will

players to Blackburn. Sellars deserves on a Premier League Rovers went ahead through platform, but many other Rovers are past their best. Presumably, Dalglish has taken first-half shot, the other spent £2.5 million on Newell, a 56th minute header scored by Speedie and creat-Cowans, Hendry and Wright ed by Newell. Lacking a recpurely to escape the second ognised centre forward, division, but there have to be Portsmouth found no anquestion marks against the swers until the 66th minute. ability of all four to succeed at That was when Whittingham the highest level in the future.

> Sunderland's 2-1 win at Derby County was their fourth in succession since the king of Denis Smith, and suggests that they cannot be discounted as promotion contenders. After a 6-2 defeat at Sunderland, Bruce Rioch spent last week ill in bed, but the Millwall manager con-founded the critics with a 2-0 home win against his former club, Middlesbrough.

PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; A Awtord, J Berseloot, D Powel, K Symons, G Butters, W Nell, M Kuhl, C Burns (sub: G Writting-hen), M Chemberlein (sub: S Wigley), D Anderton, M. Crismosmani (statz: S. Wigley), D. Anderton, BLACKBURN ROVERS: R. Mimmer, R. Brown, A. Wright (statz: C. Hendry), G. Cow-ans, K. Hill, K. Mozen, J. Wilcox, N. Feld, D. Spaedie (statz: C. Sidnner), M. Newell, S. Selfata. Referes: P Duridn.

#### Liverpool return to challenge

THE first division leaders spent the first half of the winter looking over their shoulders nervously at Arsenal; now Liverpool have emerged as the team they have to watch (Peter Ball writes). The 3-2 win on Saturday over Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park extended their unbeaten run to 12 matches, cutting the deficit to a mere nine points, with both Leeds and Manche ted yet to visit Anfield. And Liverpool have a game in hand over Leeds.

The other supposed threat to the leaders' peace of mind. Arsenal, however, are still themselves in a bad way, and had to be content with a point at Queen's Park Rangers. At the bottom Southampton and West Ham won, as did Sheffield United, Ian

Bryson finally beating Darren Beckford, standing in for Norwich City's injured goalkeeper Gunn.

#### front row forward, Kelly. Conway kicked the goal, and at 6-0 up, the lively visitors looked capable of springing an upset and completing the double over St Helens. However, they were not to score again until Thompson touched down for a consolation try in the last minute. The two tries were scant re-

SCORERS: St Helens: Tries: Cooper (2). Ververs (2). Bishop, Griffiths, Hunts. Goels: Bishop (6). Westerfield Trinity: Tries: Kelly, Thompson. Goels: Conwey (2). ST HELENS: P Velvers; M Riley, G Connolly, T Ropati, A Hunte; J Griffiths (sub: L Quinty), P Bishop; K Ward, P Groves, P Forber (sub: P Jones), S Nicide, B Dwyer, S Cooper. WAKE-RELD TRINITY: G Spencer: D Jones, C Perry, P Eden, A Wilson; M Conwey, G Bagnadi, A Kelly (sub: J Thompson), N Bell, J Glency (sub: T Luzerby), P Round, M Jackson, G Price. Reference: B Gastress (Bractions). ward for some excellent ap-proach-work, prompted by the half backs, Bagnail and

#### Offiah is back in form

MARTIN Offiah is back in had led 14-0 early in the the try-scoring business. He scored three times as Wigan retained their three points lead in the first division with a comfortable 30-10 win at Halifax (Keith Macklin

Wakefield had the encour-

Halifax scored the first try through the former Wigan left wing Preston, but Wigan eventually took a grip which they never relaxed, and Offiah demonstrated his return to fitness and form.

Widnes kept up their challenge, but they had to struggle hard to beat Hull after they

second half. Widnes eventually won 22-20, but they were forced to hang on in the closing stages of the match as Hull twice came back with tries by Nixon and Mackey. Warrington put the bottom

young wing Kenyon scoring three tries in a 62-8 rout. On Saturday Leeds kept on Wig-an's heels as Ford scored his 200th career touchdown against Salford, unselfishly donated to him by Goulding, who could have scored

#### RESULTS AND TABLES

ton 62, Swinton 8; Widnes 22, Hufi 20, Does not include: Castleford v Bradford. THIRD DIVISION: Barrow 78, Noting-ham City 8; Bramley 47, Scarborough Pirates 0; Chorley 13, Keightey 28; Dawsbury 34, Trafford Borough 8; Don-caster 17, Highfield 10; Whitehaven 11, Batley 4. SECOND DIVISION: Carliste 22, Shef-field 25; London Crusaders 20, Rochdele 18; Ryedale York 31, Worlangton 12.

#### **BOXING SQUASH RACKETS**

#### Horner gets better of Le Moignan

By COLIN McQuillan

MARTINE Le Moignan, the defending British champion, was yesterday defeated 6-9, 9-5, 10-8, 9-1, by Suzanne Horner, whom she beat in last year's final, in a 38-minute quarter-final of the Fight For Sight national in championships Manchester

Le Moignan, aged 29, had not lost before the semi-finals of the national championship since her debut appearance at the age of 17 in 1979. Horner, aged 28, of York-

shire, has not flourished this year, after reaching all three British finals in the preceding 12 months. Troubled by knee problems, she has been moving freely for a month or so. I know how to play against Martine, but I can only do it if I can chase down her boast shots and keep pressuring her," Horner said. "She

seemed to lose interest after the second game." Similar carelessness was apparent in Saturday's earlier rounds from Le Moignan's training companion. Del Harris, who lost 9-4, 2-9, 9-0, 9-5 to John Ransome, a hard

working but unspeciacular

Essex professional

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## Tall stranger scars McMillan

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

COLIN McMillan, the British featherweight champion, learnt his lesson the hard way at the Albert Hall on Saturday. Even though he lifted the Commonwealth title by heat-ing Percy Commey, of Ghana, 7-3 with two rounds even. he was left nursing a sore head and a cut eye.

"No more tall guys like him." McMillan said as he lay in his dressing-room with an icebag on his head and four stitches by his left eye. Jonathan Rendall, his ad-viser, said: "No more fights without seeing videotapes first." The Ghanian, around 5ft 10in, of whom no videotapes were available, turned out to be seasoned and tough, with a good jab.

Now every time McMillan and Rendall watch the video to find an opponent, they will be looking for a man of equal

height, or shorter, and one the cut in the fourth round. who comes to fight. Those who fit the bill are Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, John Davison, of Newcastle, the WBC International champion, and Fabrice Benichou, of France, the European champion.
The man McMillan wants

is Hodkinson. But it could be a long wait. Hodkinson's manager, B. J. Eastwood, has rejected a £150,000 offer made by Frank Warren, the London promoter, having already said, "Hodkinson needs McMillan like a hole in the head."

Even though McMillan was not able to "do a number" on Commey, he was impressive. He beat Commey with a strategy he discarded after the first round and had to go back to after receiving

The plan had been to fight the Ghanian inside if he found Commey's jab equal to his own. It became clear after the first round that the tactic would have to be adopted. McMillan went to work in-

side and was successful with stinging combinations. But he had to abandon this strategy when his eye was cut and go back to the difficult job of getting past the jab. He was helped by exchanges in the sixth and

eighth rounds that went Commey's way and encouraged the Ghanian to go on the attack. The Englishman, now able to box on the outside as he always does, ran away with the last four rounds. ☐ Lennox Lewis will meet Levi Billups, aged 31, from San Diego, in Las Vegas on February 1.

#### HOCKEY

# Sherwani revives Stourport

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

hand on Saturday

the Pizza Express national

league yesterday. Francis,

from two short corners. Bow-

STOURPORT wiped out a 3-I deficit to defeat Amiens, the French champions, 4-3, in the final of the Birmingham International indoor tourna-

ment yesterday. Imran Sherwani scored three goals, the second from a penalty stroke, and he even made a save on the line in the

closing stages. Despite a spirited fightback East Grinstead, fielding Lee and Leman who had been injured on Saturday, and without Peter Head, who had dislocated a shoulder, lost 9- erman, and Notton scored for

8 to Harborne in the play-off Surbiton, with Travis and for third place. Fenn replying for Brean. In Menzieshill and Kelburne the first division. Lyons secured their first victory in 12 struggled without their best matches by defeating Bouraville 1-0. Iftikhar players, who were committed to Scotland's indoor interna-

tional match against France Mirza scored. in Paris on Saturday. Men-St Albans beat Slough 3-1 with goals by Halliday (2) and Cogdell Kirkland rezieshill lost Cox with a broken Surbiton moved into third plied for Slough from a short place behind Isca and Readconner. ing in the second division of

At Milton Keynes, Great Britain beat Southgate 1-0. Kerly scored.

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#### Conner goes down again in Cup trials

Dennis Conner stumbled to his second defeat by Buddy Melges in the defender series of the America's Cup trials on Saturday, losing to Melges's yacht, Defiant, by 3min 46sec in desperately light air. Red Star '92, the official

Russian entry, failed to ship its yacht to San Diego by the noon deadline yesterday.

Champions out Ice skating: Injury has forced Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay,

the world ice dancing champions, to miss the European championships, in Lausanne from today. Paul Duchesnay

**England halted** Table tennis: England lost 3-0 to Germany in the last four of the European Nations Cup in Munich yesterday.

Plain sailing Windsurfing: Barrie Edgington, from Hampshire, Barrie

won the Lechner sailboard class world championships without needing to take part in the final race in Singapore.

Baker doubles up Cycling: David Baker completed a weekend double yesterday when he won the Wolverhampton Wheelers 13-mile race by 1 min 37sec.

Kingston again Basketball: Kingston won their second trophy in a formight when they beat Leicester City Riders 71-68 in the NatWest Trophy final in

#### SKIING Olympic rivals are

FROM DAVID POWELL IN KITZBÜHEL

contrasts in style

THE Winter Olympics are less than three weeks away and, as the pass to Albertville lights up, the footprints of giants stand out in the snow. Franz Heinzer and Alberto Tomba are skiers of stature and skiers in form.

They are men whose ap-proach to life are as opposite as the Alpine events at which they excel. The paradox is that Heinzer, a quiet Swiss, works in the danger zone of downhill racing while Tomba, a flamboyant Italian, is from the subtle art of slalom. Last summer, while Heinzer spent his holidays milking the cows on his parents' farm. Tomba was still milking the limelight, helping to judge the Miss Italy contest.

Two downhill victories by Heinzer, on Friday and Sat-urday. equalled Franz Klammer's record of three successive World Cup victories on the Hahnenkamm mountain. He is a low-risk bet in a high-risk business, combining the qualities of Switzerland's two greatest downhillers: the grace of Bernhard Russi, the 1972 Olympic champion, and the guile of Pirmin Zurbriggen, the 1988 Olympic champion.

Before winning the world championship last winter, in his tenth year on the circuit, Heinzer had no significant medals. When Zurbriggen retired, the shadow was lifted. He is the World Cup downhill champion and, after improving the piste record twice in successive days here, has three victories from five races this season. He is a good team

Although Tomba has mellowed since the disco days which followed his two gold medals at the 1988 Olympics, he is still just about the last skier in bed at night. Slow up the stairs, but not slow down the slope.

His slalom victory yesterday was his fourth in seven races this season and, like Heinzer is the downhill, he looks too fast out of the trap to be caught for the honour of World Cup champion in his

EVETIL.

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American continues heroics at Australian Open tennis championships

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# McEnroe's epic adventure

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THOUGH he refused to accept the comparison. John lian Open tennis championship is beginning to enter the realms of the epic recently explored by another ageing adventurer. Jimmy Connors. McEnroe had watched from the commentary box as Connors reached the semi-final of the US Open at the age of 39 last year, wondering wistfully why he did not enjoy the game as much as the arch

Now, it is his turn and, after crushing Boris Becker in the third round and saving three match points in a fiveset win over Emilio Sanchez yesterday, only the foolish or the unimaginative would dare to deny McEnroe the prospect of his first Australian title and his first grandslam title for more than seven

"The only comparison is that Jimmy and I are two of inspired me, but it's not fair to him because he was winning grand slam titles at this That is not quite true. Connors won the last of his eight titles at the US Open at the age of 31, nearly two years younger than McEnroe, who 33 next month.

On paper, his quarter-final opponent. Waine Ferreira, should present fewer problems than either the No. 3 seed, Becker, or Sánchez, seeded No. 13. The South African, who recorded one of the best wins of his career over the Wimbledon semifinalist, David Wheaton, is venturing into his first grandslam quarter-final, McEnroe his 24th, though only once, in 1983, has he gone beyond this stage in Australia.

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favourite to win her second

Australian Open title, strug-

gled to beat a determined

Leila Meskhi in three sets

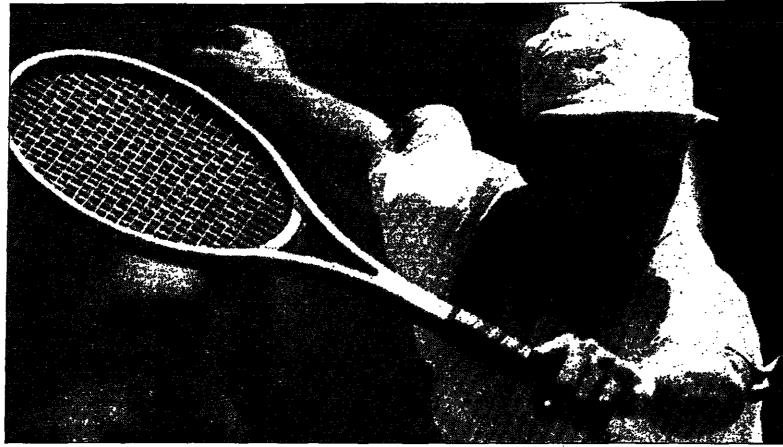
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Grim concentration: McEnroe returns during his thrilling performance against Sánchez in Melbourne yesterday

world 'fear'." McEnroe said of Ferreira Poor Sánchez. who was left rueing a double faultand two mishit forehands on his three match points, could provide the perfect definition.

On the second anniversary of his expulsion from the Open and on his similarly steamy afternoon when the courtside temperature touched 123F, McEnroe left the very same centre court with his champion's spirit intact, his sporting reputation sparkling anew in the evening sun and the crowd eating from his hand. Throughout the 4hr 32min of a relentless see-saw match, he

was a model of self-control. At

Seles given scare in the final set. Seles, aged 18, the No. 1 seed, could easily have been bundled out of the tournament had the aggressive Georgian taken her chances in the first set.

Her victory sets up a repeat "I was not going for my of last year's quarter-final against Anke Huber, the shots. I was not attacking." young German, who knocked Seles said after the match which she won 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 out the sixth seed, Jana Novotna, of Czechoslovakia, in 1hr 53min. (Agencies)

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the end of it, he embraced Sánchez with a warmth rarely accorded to even his most respected foe, Bjorn Borg.

The Spaniard was genuinely taken aback, as if he had been hugged by the devil himself. "A handshake didn't seem sufficient," McEnroe

McEnroe cuts an unlikely figure as the quiet American. but then, just maybe, after all these years, this is the real conversion. It would be unwise to bank on it just yet.

if McEnroe's temper was going to break, it would surehave done so on the third of the match points the American himself had at 5-4 in the fifth set. Sánchez had saved the second with a miraculous forehand pass, which McEnroe anticipated and could not counter, but an ace down the middle looked long. McEnroe turned in exasperation only to stop himself, shake his head sadly at the injustice and return to business. "I had tried to be so positive for so long. I didn't want anything negative to creep in," he said, adding mischievously, "besides, I didn't have the energy to

агеце." A game later, McEnroe was broken, only for Sánchez to falter much as he had done in the fourth round of the US Open, also against McEnroe. Though almost at a standstill, McEnroe knew then that the match was his and Sánchez. who had fought long and hard from two sets down and from love-three down in the final set, knew it too. One final forehand gave McEnroe a 7-5, 7-6, 4-6, 2-6, 8-6 vic-

tory soon after. Stefan Edberg, Ivan Lendl and Monica Seles all won, the Swede being particularly impressive in disposing of Andrei Chesnokov.

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# Rediscovering the arts of sets, life and videotape

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE

'He didn't look at the vid-

anything, but I think he rec-

ognised a few things about how he used to play and how he should play again." Stefanki, who has known

McEnroe since the early

days, came back into

last year after a defeat by Andre Agassi in an exhibi-

tion match in Los Angeles.

about his form and Stefanki

was equally apset by the

sight of the three-time

Wimbledon champion, who

will soon be 33, in such

disarray. He decided to

told him that he was selling

himself short, that his game

was not the same as it used

to be and I wanted to know

in it. I could see what he

was going through and I didn't like to see it." The

following day, Stefanki re-ceived a call from McEnroe

and the pair talked again.

very simple question in the end. Did he really

want to play or not? I think he had been living off his

reputation for the last five

years, and I wanted him to

get back to the basics, to the

🦰 tefanski goes on: "It

really came down to a

vhy. There was no bravery

'As a friend, over a beer, I

speak his mind.

McEnroe's tennis life late

video of past glories lasting no more than an hour has transformed John McEnroe from the tormented has-been of a few months ago into the conqueror of defending champion Boris Becker and quarter-finalist at the

Australian Open. The video featured clips from McEnroe's great matches, including the and 1984, and was compiled by McEnroe's old friend and new coach, Larry Stefanki. "I selected particular points from 20 cassettes of his matches between 1979 and 1984 and just asked him to look at them," Stefanki says.

It was one thing, however, to make the video, quite another to persuade McEnroe to watch it. At the end of a disappointing 1991, when retirement beckoned, the last thing the ageing former champion needed was a reminder of the great days of his youth. But, over the Christmas break at Stefanki's home in Palm Springs, California, McEnroe sat down, endured the agony and emerged convinced that Stefanki's call for a return to the basics

was right.
"I think he was frightened to remember how good he was," Stefanki says. "John is not the type of guy who sits down and watches films for long, nor is he the type of guy who says: 'Yes, you're right'.

beat these new age guys by reacting quickly and taking their time away. That's what happened against Becker. He was rushed the whole time and he couldn't

Slowly at first, like someone learning how to walk in. McEnroe retraced his steps, started working from inside the baseline

Instead, McEmpe surrived, worked four and five hours a day and rediscov ered not just his reflexes and his touch, but his enjoy ment of the game he had once dominated.

Becker was the real test. "We didn't really formulate: any plan for the match," Stefanki says. "I don't tell John how to play tennis. I just wanted him to go for it, "I think Boris was waiting for him to crack, I was

aggressive way he used to play as a teenager.

To me, he had started to believe that he couldn't play that way against all the power players of today. But

that's hogwash. You can

quickly as possible.
In another gamble,
Stefanki lined up Jim Courier to be a practice partner. Courier, the No. 2 seed at the Anstralian Open and one of the hardest hitters in the game, could easily have destroyed McEnroe's confidence before it had been

Yet the match against

waiting for him to sustain it, and it was great to see him willing to take a chance. That's how it used to be and there is absolutely no reason why he can't keep

# **Botham flies** into fight for Test place

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IAN Botham, his pantomime season at an end, flies out to join England's cricketers in New Zealand today, fully aware that strong claims have been made on his all-round-

er's place.

Botham was given special dispensation to begin his tour three weeks late when it was learned that he was contracted to Jack and the Beanstalk in Bournemouth. Along with his former Worcestershire colleague. Richard Richard colleague, Richard Illingworth, he is to link up with the team in New Plymouth on Wednesday night.

His position in the England side, however, has gone to Dermot Reeve, who yesterday marked his first Test appearance with a solid 59 as England amassed 580 for nine declared at Lancaster

Reeve, who has enjoyed two outstanding seasons with Warwickshire, has had a brush or two with Botham in the past, and their abrasive, competitive styles are comparable. But, certainly in Test cricket, there will be room for only one of them in the side, a fact which will not be lost on

Sensibly, Reeve plays down the rivalry. "It is no special"

incentive to me that Ian is on his way," he said. "If you get a chance to play in the England side you give it everything. It is as simple as that.

Botham, who has dismissed many such pretenders to his place in the past, may not quite see it that way.

Reeve, who received good the Warwickshire captain, and from the club, had to wait until shortly before lunch on the second day to take the field as England, inspired by a century from Alec Stewart. pressed on towards the high est total they have made in a

"I have never spent so long iting to bat, and I was a bi ervous at first," Reeve said. "It helped to have an old pro like Allan Lamb at the other end. He kept talking to me, and telling me to enjoy

"I didn't feel in very good form out there. I wasn't seeing the ball too well. But to get 59 in my first Test innings is marvelious." Heavy rain was falling in Christchurch this morning.

making a prompt resumption on the third day doubtful. England run feast, page 34

## Kirsten selected for World Cup

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

PETER Kirsten, one of three veteran players excluded from South Africa's provi-sional squad for next month's cricket World Cup, has won inclusion in the final party of 14 for the tournament in

Clive Rice, the former South Africa captain, and Jimmy Cook, the opening 12m. who enjoyed lines prolific summers with Somerset but has lost form at homethis season, have been

Kirsten, aged 36, has maintained the form which won him a man of the match award during South Africa's short tour of India in November and he has also refrained from public criticism of the selectors that certainly destroyed any chances Rice might have had and, to a lesser extent, Cook's.

On Saturday, he was felled

by a groin injury after scoring a flawless 33 for his Border team in a one-day semi-final against Orange Free State There are, however, five more weeks before the team leaves for Australia, which should be ample time for him to

Kirsten is not the oldest man in the squad. Omar Henry, of Orange Free State, who will be 40 on Thursday has been awarded the single spin-bowling place over Clive Eksteen, of Transvaal, and Tim Shaw, of Eastern Province, who both went to India. Kepler Wessels, the cap-

rain, said he thought it was a well-balanced team but asked supporters to "spare a thought for those guys who lost out and particularly for those whose careers fell in the isolation period".

Among the surprising omissions were Mandy Yachad, the Northern Transvaal captain, and Terence Lazard, of Western Province. who have both had free-scoring seasons as opening batsmen. Less surprising was that Daryll Cullinan, the talented but inconsistent young Transvaal No. 3 batsman, was left out in favour of

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Allan Donald, the Orange Free State and Warwickshire fast bowler, was always a certainty, as was his 22-year-old Free State captain, Hansie Cronje, who has been in superb one-day form.

Donald will be backed by Tertius Bosch, who took five Eastern Province wickets for 56 on Saturday, and Meyrick Pringle, the Western Province fast bowler, who, like Bosch, bowled himself into contention after being omitted from the original short-

Snell, who was unimpressive in India, must be considered fortunate to retain his

SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY: K C Wessels (captain), A P Kinjer (Vice-Captain), A C Hudson, P. N. Kinsten, W. J. Crunje, M. W. Rusilmera, J.N. Ritoches, S M. Macratism, D.J. Richardson, T. Boach, A A. Donald, O. Henry, M. W. Pringle, R P. Snell.

staff at Villa Park last season.

The swift promotion of

Kinnear, aged 44, ended

by Gould and Dave Basset.

might be in line for the job.

Kinnear, who was at Queen's

Park Rangers on Saturday, assessing Wimbledon's next opponents, said: "There is not

a chance in hell that we are

going to sell anybody and, in

fact. Thave been given money

"We have top quality play-

ers at Wimbledon, some of

the most sought after in the

first division. I will be binerly

disappointed if we don't fin-

ish in the top ten at the end of

the season. We are still a very

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speculation that two former

Wimbledon managers, Bob-

## Rafferty despoils the Gold Coast

Gold Coast, Australia: Ronan Rafferty, of Northern Ire-65 yesterday to win the \$1 million (£560,000) Palm Meadows Cup, Australia's richest golf tournament. Rafferty had six birdies, an eagle and only 21 putts as he claimed the first prize of more than £100,000, finishing with a total of 278, ten under

Two strokes behind were Brad Hughes, of Australia, who has a 68, and his countryman, Brett Ogle, who shot



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a closing 70. Another Australian. Robert Allenby, in his first season as a professional, shared third place with Billy Andrade, of the United States, and Rodger Davis, of Australia. Andrade, making his first appearance in Australia, closed with a 70 while Davis had a 73.

"It was my lucky day." Rasfferty said after turning a nine-shot deficit into a oneshot lead in the space of 11 holes. He then sat nervously in the clubhouse for two hours as the challengers came Davis got within one shot

at the 13th, Yoshinori Mizumaku, of Japan, closed to within one at the 11th and Ogle had a chance when he birdled the 10th and was within three shots.

"I never thought sitting and watching me win a golf tournament could be so nerve-wracking." Rafferty

Chris Patton, of the United States, had a 72 for a total of 282, a stroke behind Allenby, Andrade and Davis. Jack Kay, of Canada, was also on

#### O'Reilly lasts the pace

BY ALIX RAMSAY

WILF O'Reilly saved the best until last yesterday to win his third Europa Cup short-track speed skating title in Liede-kerke, Belgium, his final important competition before the Winter Olympics in Albertville in three weeks' time.

After a weekend of 17 gruelling races, O'Reilly skated his best-ever 3,000 metres, finishing third, and so ended the chances of Geert Blanchaert, of Belgium, in the overall title race.

Saturday had seen O'Reilly beaten in the 500-metre and 1.500-metre finals, ending the day in joint first place with Blanchaert, but yesterday the Belgian fell and failed to qualify for the 1,000-metre final, which O'Reilly won.

A sprint specialist, the 3.000 metres is O'Reilly's least favourite distance, but knowing he had only to finish in fourth place to lift the overall title, he stepped up the pace in the last three laps to pick up the points and the

## Kinnear is promoted after Wimbledon fire Withe

By DENNIS SIGNY

JOE Kinnear, the former Republic of Ireland full back who won four cup winner's medals as a player with Tottenham Hotspur, was named yesterday as caretaker manager of Wimbledon for the rest of the season in succession to Peter Withe, who has been dismissed. The decision to part com-

pany with Withe was taken by the Wimbledon directors at a board meeting on Saturday, but announced only yester-day. Wimbledon's 2-1 home defeat by Chelsea on Saturday gave Withe a managerial record of only one win in 17 marches since he succeeded Ray Harford in October.

In Withe's reign, Wimble-don slipped from seventh place in the first division to a precarious seventeenth and were dismissed from three cup competitions by teams from lower divisions, most recently by Bristol City in the FA Cup. A crowd of only 3,747 saw the club's 1-0 defeat in last week's third round replay at Selhurst Park and there have been increasing

calls from supporters for Withe's dismissal. The future of Mick Buxton, his assistant, was not clarified yesterday. but he is unlikely to stay. Wimbledon acknowledged that Withe - who had been in charge of Aston Villa reserves - "has the potential to

be a first-class manager". The scorer of the winning goal for Villa in the 1982 European Cup final, he had been a coach at Huddersfield before joining Jozef Venglos on the

y and on the playing side.

His assistant will be Ferry
Burton, the youth coath.

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ings had been outweighed "in the best interests of the club's present position"